

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
March 6, 2023 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Aaron Carr, Steve Bertucci Jr., and Randy Ruppel - Present. Dustin Kennedy – Absent. Also present Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary and Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Carr to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Bertucci Jr. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Tracey Tippet was read in regards to the Conditional Use for Jerzi's.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carr made a motion to approve, with support from Bertucci Jr. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Webb Sr. expressed his concerns with a potential increase in traffic from recreational vehicles in his neighborhood in regards to the Conditional Use for Jerzi's and proposed expansion. He also expressed concern for an increase in children disturbing the neighboring properties.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR JERZI'S CONDITIONAL USE

- A. Continuation from Public Hearing November 14th, 2022: ZA Bertucci read the provisions the Ely Township Planning Commission includes with the approval of conditional use. Carr

made a motion to approve the Conditional Use with the condition of required fencing per section 4.09 or the Ely Township Zoning Ordinance. Supported by Bertucci Jr. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan discussion – Plan was discussed during work session before meeting. Continue to work on survey questions.
- B. The February US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were not received before meeting. Ruppel was unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

No zoning permits & no new discoveries.

Ongoing:

- A. Court date for the Diorite School on March 23rd. Can only address concerns in relation to citations that were issued. Supervisor Laakso and ZA Bertucci will be in attendance. Any planning commission member is invited to speak regarding the solar panel issue.
- B. Mason Beaupied was sent a letter as the first warning in regards to the properties from Jamie Carello. He has not contacted the Township yet.

Complaints:

- A. Continuing Diorite School

Other: The Marquette County Planning Commission has been reviewing our Zoning Ordinance and were questioning the need for a variance on a non-conforming structure. I conferred with the Township attorney on this matter and he said it does not need a variance.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Slawski stated he would like to submit a site plan for the Diorite School to be reviewed for the next Planning Commission meeting. He was instructed to present a site plan by March 30th in order to fit the timeline for submission before the next Planning Commission meeting on April 10th. Mr. Slawski also stated that he would like a conference call with ZA Bertucci and Attorney Zappa before the court hearing on March 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm by Vice Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary