

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
November 13, 2023 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Aaron Carr, Mike Anderson, Cheryl Grove, and Randy Ruppel – Present. Steve Bertucci Jr. – Absent/Excused. Also present Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary.

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 October 9, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Grove. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

A Memorandum was read from Judge Roger Kangas regarding the case against Mr. Andrew Slawski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson made a motion to approve, with support from Carr Ayes – 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Request for Proposal for 496 Property – Carr stated he has not had a chance to work on one. Office Manager, Leah Dompierre will send him examples of old RFPs submitted in the past to show examples.

- B. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Vice Chairperson – Motion made by Carr to nominate Mike Anderson as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Grove. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.
- B. Signposts for Diorite Park sign – John Jessen at Westwood High School would like to know if we are wanting to replace or use the existing signposts for the sign his class is making for the Diorite Park. Motion by Carr to have new signposts put in, seconded by Anderson. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

All new approved and extended zoning permits were discussed.

Ongoing:

- A. Slawski/Former Diorite School: Received a Memorandum from Judge Kangas regarding the case. In his opinion, the two parties should work out a compromise in the situation, rather than the court interference. He acknowledged that Mr. Slawski's actions are against the Township Ordinance, but also that our Ordinance does not allow for any legal actions for the buildings on the property. Continues to be no communication from Mr. Slawski to either the Township or Attorney.
- B. Carello/Beaupied: Mr Carello is currently incarcerated. No updates from Attorney Zappa.
- C. Jerzi's: contact was made with Mr. Niemi and he is currently behind schedule. A letter will be sent for updated information and finish date. The need for fencing and parking was clarified, as noted in his Conditional Use.

Public Hearing for the Rezoning for Township property future development and Conditional Use for solar panels at Ely Township Hall. Had to be postponed due to notification in Mining Journal not being published on time, despite being submitted in timely manner. Office Manager is requesting updated cut-off date for publication as there is a new worker responsible for this at the Mining Journal.

I have resigned as the Ely Township Assessor and will be adjusting office hours accordingly. I will keep hours on first Monday of the month for Zoning Admin and will add hours on the third Monday of each month at this time. I am always available via phone and email and answer all requests within 24 hours.

Currently finishing Master Citizen Planner classes ending in November.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary