

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
October 11, 2021 - 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Randy Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Arthur Gischia, Randy Ruppel, and Aaron Carr- Present. Fred VanLuven and Dustin Kennedy - Absent, excused. Also, present - Erin Stratton, Recording Secretary and Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Gischia, supported by Carr to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Stratton read a letter from EGLE in regards to a Proposed Modification at the AMVETS Post 122 campground. She also summarized the packet received from CUPPAD in regards to the County's request for support in assisting them with a grant. Gischia discussed the wording of the resolution that was included in the packet, as it states that the entity showing support coordinates with the County on its recreation plan, which Ely does not. He made a motion to send a letter of recommendation, after that line is removed from the paperwork, if possible. The motion was seconded by Carr. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin, 2717 US41W, Ishpeming, had advisory comments for the Planning Commission in regards to future projects, based on his experience in the past. He also stated his concerns with a proposed road millage, and the use of the parks in Ely.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Recreation Update - Picnic Table Information - Gischia stated that the latest catalog had options that were more economical for the Township. He suggested at the next meeting to make choices so a budget can be created to present to the Board.

B. Update on US41 Corridor Meeting - Minutes were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommended roads for Chip and Seal and Pavement Marking - Gischia expressed his concern that there is no pavement marking on Co Rd CF, and questioned if that was an add-on expense when roads are repaved or chip and sealed. Carr stated that from his knowledge it is an add-on and his estimate is approximately \$1000 per mile for one color. Motion made by Carr, seconded by Gischia to get estimate for pavement marking on CD, CF, CH, CJ, and Twin Pines. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Gischia recommended that the roads near Twin Pines that were not Chip and Sealed this past summer, should be done. He also recommended that the Keilinen (Bird Streets) Subdivision should also get an estimate. Carr stated that side roads with less traffic flow would benefit from the Chip and Seal. Gischia made a motion, seconded by Carr to get an estimate for Co Rd CPB, Co Rd CPA; Eagle, Cardinal, Robin and Timber Streets; and Dove Lane for Chip and Seal treatment. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Laakso stated that he would add these items to the list of roads for paving discussed at the last meeting to submit to the Marquette County Road Commission.

B. Required Training - Ruppel stated he will get registered when the Treasurer is back in office, Carr stated that he will as his schedule allows. Gischia has completed the training and found it helpful.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Van Luven was absent, and no report was submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Ruppel opened the table to discuss the recent loss of Commission member Don Magnuson and Zoning Board of Appeals member Gary Haney. He mentioned the need for recruiting new members and asked for ideas. Gischia mentioned that a member of the Planning Commission needs to be on the ZBA, per Ordinance. Laakso stated that there will be a notice on the Township's website, as well as Facebook page, of the openings. Gischia stated that even if the losses are due to training, it is important and necessary to minimize both mistakes and liability.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carr to adjourn, seconded by Gischia. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Stratton, Recording Secretary