

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
September 14, 2020 – 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Don Magnuson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

ROLL CALL

Donald Magnuson, Arthur Gischia, Aaron Carr, Randy Ruppel, Dustin Kennedy – Present. Fred Van Luven (Zoning Administrator) – excused absence, Dawn Schuhknecht (recording Secretary), Jeremy Laakso, Andrew Slawski and colleague Virginia, Dotty LaJoye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Gischia to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Planning Commission. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Chuck Hart regarding street names at the Northwoods Club for 911. Ms. Schuhknecht will contact the County Rd Commission on the matter.

A letter from EGLE regarding a proposed project in Ely Township that is believed to actually be in Tilden Township. Mr. Gischia will be following up on this.

A letter from Marquette County Road Commission requesting a list of HMA paving we would like them to bid out for us. The list is due by Oct 23, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Magnuson recommended Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Gischia, supported by Carr to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Laakso discussed a list of items he'd like the Planning Commission to consider addressing in the Master Plan, a potential "Welcome to Ely Township" sign, possible sign at the Hall, and possible uses for the 40 acres parcel in Greenwood. He passed along the information from Dennis Connery for pricing of boulders at the Gold Mine Lake Park to prevent vehicles from driving in park.

Andrew Slawski along with his colleague Virginia discussed his permit application (the fee not being paid for at the time of the meeting) to put a solar structure on his property near the garages of the Diorite School. He discussed that he would like to eventually have a micro grid that the community could draw power from. The board told him there is nothing they could do until the return of the Zoning Administrator.

Presentation

Dotty LaJoye from CUPPAD discussed what they could do for Ely Township to complete the Recreation Plan that has an upcoming deadline. There would be a cost of \$1500 to have The Superior Alliance Universal Design study of our parks compiled that would be part of the plan.

Motion made by Mr. Carr to recommend to the Township Board that they approve the \$1500 to have CUPPAD assist in the Ely Recreation Plan. Supported by Mr. Ruppel. Ayes- 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. LaJoye discussed the potential problems other communities had that did not have a proper Master Plan filed and how CUPPAD could assist with that plan. There was discussion of other communities' issues with solar power not being address in the Master Plan. She will get back to us with a price for the Master Plan after she reviews the copy of the Master Plan she received at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Corridor Committee: Electronic meetings was held on August 11, 2020 Mr. Gischia attended. They discussed the Round-about on Lake Shore Drive, Revenue Sharing potentially being lower, Marijuana shops in Marquette and traffic issues in Negaunee. September meeting was cancelled, next meeting Oct. 13, 2020.
- B. Recreation Plan: nothing discussed at this time
- C. Master Plan: CUPPAD to get back to board with information on cost.
- D. Animal and Livestock Ordinance Amendment: Recommendation submitted by Attorney Zappa were gone over by the board and changes were made were the board felt necessary. Recommendation for the Fowl Ordinance will be submitted to the Township Board. The Ordinance will be a separate ordinance and not a zoning ordinance as recommended by legal counsel.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Supervisor Laakso stated that he sent letters to two Misc. Debris violators that Fred had taken photos of before his absences.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Laakso thanked board for all their hard work on the Animal and Livestock Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Ruppel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Schuhknecht, Recording Secretary