

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
September 9, 2024 – 6:00pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Michael Anderson, Alan Harris, and Randy Ruppel – Present. Also present Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Harris to approve the agenda, with support from Anderson. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Harris to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes - 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from both Cheryl Grove and Steve Bertucci Jr. stating their resignations from the Planning Commission effective immediately.

Correspondence was also read from Ishpeming Township regarding their Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan. Ely Township will request email copies be sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

All new approved zoning permits were discussed.

Violations:

- Jerzi's/Niemi: Complaints from neighbor. Explained that Jerzi's is okay on the Township side of things, told neighbor to contact Mr. Niemi to discuss any civil complaints.
- Verbal complaints from Twin Pines residents. Explained complaint process, waiting on formal complaint letters.

On-going:

- Slawski/Old Diorite School: The fence is still up and is in violation of court ruling. Solar panels appear to be removed. Inquiry sent to Attorney Zappa on next steps.
- Carello/Beaupied: Mr. Carello is still incarcerated, Attorney Zappa stated property could not be cleaned if Mr. Carello is unavailable to do so.
- ZCP given to resident for Solar Panels without going thru Conditional Use first. Attorney has been contacted on next steps.

Jeremy Laakso, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed. Curbing missing at Jerzi's was brought up, Mr. Niemi said it is still in the plans.
- B. Master Plan Discussion – Harris recommends asking the Board to explore numbers from CUPPAD or another agency to assist with finishing the Master Plan Draft due to the resignation of two PC members recently. This would help take the work load off the remaining PC members and make sure everything is done correctly. Motion made by Anderson to explore contracting out revisions to the Master Plan. Seconded by Harris. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- C. 40 Acre Greenwood Property Plan/Discussion – Previous member, Cheryl Grove, had drafted a letter to send to the NMU Outdoor Recreation Program and UP Disc Golf asking for assistance and opinions on property. Anderson stated that Scott Jordan or Jacquie Medina are point of contacts for NMU program. Office Manager will update letter and pass along to Al Harris to send out to the appropriate parties.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Diorite Park Basketball Court Bench Replacement – Two quotes were reviewed for a replacement bench at the Diorite Park basketball court. Motion by Harris to purchase an 8 foot, inground mount bench at \$861.04. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- B. Secretary Reappointment – Resignation of members Cheryl Grove; Secretary, and Steve Bertucci Jr. Tabled until more PC members join as current members already have their assigned titles and responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

BOARD COMMENTS

Al Harris would like to suggest posting the Planning Commission openings on Facebook to get the word out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary