

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
July 13, 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. Also present Fred Van Luven (Zoning Administrator), Kim Wing (recording Secretary), Dawn Schuhknecht, Jeremy Laakso, Jim Fegan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Carr to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Planning Commission. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Magnuson recommended Approval of the Agenda with the addition of 10.C. Recreation Plan. Motion by Gischia, supported by Carr to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Corridor Committee: There was no meeting due to COVID. Electronic meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month starting in August. Mr. Gischia volunteered to attend and stated there was no need for compensation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fowl Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Van Luven recommended the addition of a shoreline setback of 30 feet and the incorporation of Mr. Fegan's written input. Discussion was held regarding grandfathered issues and how to handle them. It was determined that it would be sufficient for property owners to notify the Township of their current use.

The Planning Commission again stated there would be no fee for a permit. Mr. Ruppel asked if all residents will get a letter regarding the Ordinance. Residents will not be notified personally. Notification will be done through posting at the Hall, Township Newsletter, Facebook, website and the Mining Journal. The Zoning Administrator will draw up a draft for the lawyer with the Clerk's help.

- B. Connery Asphalt Plant Permit: Mr. VanLuven recommended the Planning Commission review the Permit each year in January or February. That will enable Mr. Connery plenty of notice to address any potential complaints.
- C. Recreation Plan: Copies of the current Recreation Plan was made available to the entire Commission. Mr. Gischia asked if anything on the current plan hadn't been done (very few items were accomplished). Possible suggestions were looking at improving each park on a yearly schedule, improvements at the Clarksburg Ballfield, and potentially scaling back the Hall Pavilion project. Mr. Magnuson indicated this subject will be tabled until the August Meeting and placed under "Old Business".

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. VanLuven submitted his monthly report in which he made recommendations on the Fowl Amendment and Connery Asphalt Plant Permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Magnuson indicated a resident on County Road CJ has requested a "Child Playing" sign. Supervisor Laakso will contact the Road Commission. Mr. Laakso asked the Commission to look at ways of possibly promoting new businesses to the Township. Mr. Gischia indicated that work should also be happening on the Master Plan update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 7:2534pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim D. Wing, Recording Secretary