

# ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES - Public Hearing

Monday, January 12, 2015

**MEETING COMMENCED:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **THOSE PRESENT**

David DeKett-Chair, Tom Hilberg, Chuck LeFebvre, Norm Poli, Ann Marie Rich and Fred Sterns

### **ABSENT**

Karen Szymanski

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Barb Schwartzfisher - TBTA - 3020 US 23 S

Sue Skibbe - Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse

Paul Weber - TBTA - 3020 US 23 S

Billi Edmonds - TBTA - 3020 US 23 S

Tony Suszek - TBTA - 3020 US 23 S

Larry Clark - 199 Bear Point Rd

Marie A. Twite - Alpena Twp Supervisor

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A. Rich made a **motion** to adopt the agenda with the addition of #3 under Business - L. Clark - Update on US 23 S Corridor, **supported** by N. Poli. *Motion passed.*

### **PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

F. Sterns made a **motion** to approve the December 8, 2014 minutes, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. *Motion passed.*

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. DEQ Coastal Zone Management Grant Application Guide (handout)

### **NEW CASE/BUSINESS**

1. **Case #P-01-15**, Thunder Bay Transportation requested a **SITE PLAN REVIEW** for proposed Thunder Bay Transportation Authority. Property is located at US 23 North and Hamilton Road, Parcel No's 012-009-000-021-11 and 012-010-000-301-11 in a General Business zone district (B-2).

Paul Weber, project manager, was present to address this case. D. DeKett introduced two letters attached to the case. The letters were written to Les Klimaszewski, Zoning Administrator. Mr. Weber wanted to acknowledge that the height of the building is 34.5 feet which is over the zoning recommendation for fire fighters ladder. That has been changed because the new fire truck's ladder can exceed that height.

Siting page 18-26 of the Zoning Ordinance, F. Sterns made a **motion** to **grant** the SITE PLAN REVIEW, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. Commission approved Case #P-01-15 even though the building is over the zoning recommendation because the fire department has a new truck ladder that can exceed the 34.5 foot building. Commission would like to change the restriction in the Alpena Township Zoning Ordinance.

*Roll call vote: D. DeKett-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-aye; A. Rich-aye; F. Sterns-aye; and K. Szymanski-absent. Motion passed.*

2. **Public Input Session - Alpena Township Community Recreation Plan Update**

Larry Clark requested the following inclusions to the Recreation Plan: 1) to have a bike path (handed out map); 2) improvements to the street scape plan which is along the US 23 South corridor; 3) Access Management Study from MDOT.

M. Twite brought up Rick Tuzinsky in reference to include the North Point Peninsula in the recreation plan for futuristic potential recreational opportunities. Also, to make a reference to Misery Bay and sink holes as areas of interest to work to preserve. Doing this might help to secure funding futuristically. Alpena Township is the proud owner of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse and the township has a land patent to this property which is approximately 40+ acres.

M. Twite would like to finish up the recreation plan over January and February with the next scheduled workshop to be January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to review the recreation plan.

M. Twite brought in the Planning Commission's by-laws. She would like to see the draft passed at the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

**NEXT MEETING:** January 26, 2015

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Rich  
Secretary  
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