

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2016

MEETING COMMENCED: 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

Larry Dehring, Tom Hilberg-Chair, Chuck LeFebvre, Norm Poli, Ann Marie Rich and Fred Sterns

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Marie A. Twite - Supervisor

Robert O. Mills - 6434 US 23 N

Leo Koseba - 4147 US 23 N

Brian Szczerowski - Applicant

Brett Szczerowski - 5143 US 23 N

Patrick Pokorski

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

F. Sterns made a **motion** to adopt the agenda, **supported** by L. Dehring. *Motion passed.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. LeFebvre made a **motion** to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes, **supported** by F. Sterns. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letters Regarding Case #P-04-16: H. & A. LeBarre/T. Stark/G. Suszek/Anonymous/W. Hochrein Sr./B. Hochrein/K. Glomski/VNS Investments LLC/R. Mills
- B. Report - Case #P-04-16 - R. Deuell, Planning Consultant

NEW CASE

1. **Case #P-04-16**, Brian Szczerowski requested a SPECIAL APPROVAL USE to allow farm animals (up to six beef cattle) and also for a 12' wide lean-to on existing pole barn for feed and farm equipment. Property is located at 6500 US 23 North, Parcel #'s 013-027-000-794-00, 013-027-000-792-00 and 013-027-000-150-00 in a Rural Residential (R-2) zone district.

Robert Mills submitted a letter outlining why he is opposed to this case. Tom Hilberg read all the letters to the commission regarding the case. The applicant, Brian, addressed R. Mills concerns regarding wet lands and fill on his property. He has tried to bring fill in to correct the problems on the water run off issue. The DEQ has said it is not a wetlands behind the area where his house sits and the area where the pasture and cattle would exist. LeFebvre wanted clarification on the size of the pasture and the way the cattle would be sheltered. Concerned whether there is enough room on the property for proper care of animals. LeFebvre contacted

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GAAMP's director, Wayne Wittman, who said he is in compliance. R. Mills stated that Theresa Sherwood, County Representative with the DEQ, will make an attempt to look at the property in the future to investigate a complaint regarding the filling of wetlands. R. Mills would like the commission to further consider the residences adjacent to this property regarding the smells and run-off of the cattle manure. Also, that the commission insure compliance of the property owner with regards to the Special Approval Use.

F. Sterns made a **motion** to **grant** Case #P-04-16, **supported** by C. LeFebvre contingent that applicant follow the approval as shown under Recommended Actions report written by R. Deuell (page 2).

Roll call vote:** L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-nay; A. Rich-aye; and F. Sterns-aye. **Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

F. Sterns made a **motion** to allow Leo Koseba to address the commission regarding Case #P-08-14, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. ***Motion passed.***

L. Koseba would like the commission to enforce what he believes to be a violation of the conditions required by Travis O'Connor in the December 8, 2014 minutes under Case #P-08-14. As of this date, he feels they have not been met. M. Twite suggested that the commission write a letter requesting Mr. O'Connor to come before the commission to have a discussion regarding non-compliance about the berm.

N. Poli made a **motion** to send a letter regarding Case #P-08-14 requesting Travis O'Connor to appear before the commission and readdress in front of the commission this case because of non-compliance with discussion at the December 8, 2014, **supported** by C. LeFebvre.

Roll call vote:** L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-aye; A. Rich-aye; and F. Sterns-aye. **Motion passed.

WORKSHOP - Update the Alpena Township Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance

Workshop was postponed until next meeting due to amount of business discussed.

NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Rich
Secretary

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