

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

MEETING COMMENCED: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Chuck LeFebvre

OTHERS PRESENT

Marie A. Twite - Supervisor

Rick Deuell - Planning Consultant

Stan Mischley - 446 Victoria Drive

Scot McKenzie - 2762 Werth Rd

Travis O'Connor - Bedrock

Amanda Kish - 2040 Hamilton Rd

Joe Horn - 2040 Hamilton Rd

Leo Koseba - 4147 US 23 N

Grace Koseba - 405 Partridge Ave

Larry Clark - 199 Bear Point Rd

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Sterns made a **motion** to approve the May 9, 2016 minutes, **supported** by L. Dehring. *Motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Clark updated the commission on several items including a Lake Huron Discovery Tour scheduled for October 7-10, 2016. Also, Taking Pride in Alpena has changed its name to South Place. There will be a final clean-up of US 23 South. The DEQ will be coming to discuss some ideas with the South Place group. There will be a need for some zoning changes for the US 23 corridor.

Stan Mischley would like the zoning to better reflect the definition of a berm. He would like the wording to be more substantial and have more detail.

NEW BUSINESS - Review Case #P-08-14 - Travis O'Connor

The commission is concerned that the property has not been restored in accordance to the site plan. Mr. O'Connor has been working on capping the berm. However, Marie Twite said that the height of the berm is too high and the topsoil is not done sufficiently.

F. Sterns wanted to know how high the berm actually is and Mr. O'Connor replied around 10 feet. However, Mr. Koseba felt it was more like 20 feet tall and it was nowhere near the agreed upon 6-8 feet as stated in the original case. Also, the material used for the berm is not clean but full of debris. N. Poli stated, back in 2014 the site plan review showed an excavating business, not a concrete disposal area.

A. Rich made a **motion** that Mr. O'Conner should comply with the original case #P-08-14 recommendations, the contingencies "a-c" and also finish the berm in accordance with the definition of berm in the Alpena Township Zoning Ordinance which is to use topsoil and seed in a neat and well-maintained condition and the 6-8 ft berm will be measured from the pre-existing ground level of Alpena Trim's property, **supported** by N. Poli.

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

The commission would like a report from the township building official/zoning administrator or supervisor at the July 11, 2016 meeting as to the progress of the above motion.

WORKSHOP - Update the Alpena Township Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance

Rick Deuell discussed the survey that the Planning Commission will use with the public. He is planning to send it out with the tax bills. Discussion followed regarding the survey. There will be a link to Survey Monkey from the Alpena Township website. He will also put information in the paper, radio station, etc. People may fill out the survey July 1st to the 25th and the survey results will be presented at the August meeting.

NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Rich
Secretary

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