

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2014

MEETING COMMENCED: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Marie Twite - Alpena Township Supervisor

Phyllis Colagross - 1027 Meyers Rd

Matt Gagnon - 921 Maple

Randy Neuman - 15186 Beegen Rd

Larry Clark - 199 Bear Point Rd

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Sterns made a **motion** to approve the July 14, 2014 minutes, **supported** by N. Poli. *Motion passed unanimously.*

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. US 23 South Bay Corridor Vision Plan
- b. US 23 South Public Input Session Results

OLD BUSINESS

1. Industrial/Commercial Zoned Properties - Residential Properties

Marie Twite spoke regarding the need for the Planning Commission to have a discussion regarding the US 23 South corridor. Chuck LeFebvre brought up the possibility of someone from the Planning Commission be represented on the Southside Corridor Board and Heritage Trail Board. He felt it would benefit the Planning Commission to become better informed with regard to the goals and intent of each of these boards.

Marie Twite brought up the idea for the Planning Commission to consider a Residential/Business zone along the US 23 S Corridor.

Matt Gagnon and Phyllis Colagross were present at the meeting because of their concern regarding the zoning of their property. They are trying to sell the property to a buyer that is unable to obtain financing due to it being commercially zoned.

After much discussion, it was determined that the township staff could not find any records showing that the property had been rezoned from residential to commercial. Therefore, F. Sterns made a **motion** to change the color on the zoning map for parcel #011-004-000-085-00/1027 Meyers Road from commercial to residential because there are no records that the zoning was changed to commercial, **supported** by C. LeFebvre.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Southside Corridor Discussion

Larry Clark, representing a steering committee for the US 23 south corridor (Taking Pride in Alpena), talked about the Heritage Trail Route. This program would create an improvement to the corridor through different physical changes such as above wiring, curb appeal, etc.

There is a timeline, set-up by the state of Michigan, to create the US 23 South corridor. The State has rules with how the township goes about getting grants. These grants could be used for improvements but the township needs to be involved. NEMCOG created a US 23 South Bay Corridor Vision Plan that was given to the Planning Commission. NEMCOG needs a resolution of support from the Planning Commission supporting the concepts in the corridor vision plan.

C. LeFebvre made a **motion** to support the Taking Pride in Alpena Committee's concepts in the Corridor Vision Plan as submitted to the Planning Commission and in forwarding to the Board of Trustees, **supported** by D. DeKett.

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

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2014

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Rich
Secretary

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