

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING - AGENDA

January 8, 2024 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES (reverse side)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 11, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION – Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society – Sue Skibbe

CORRESPONDENCE

a.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution to Recommend Adoption of Alpena Area Joint Recreation Plan to Board of Trustees

DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING DATE – February 12, 2024 (tentatively)

ADJOURNMENT

ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9840784763?pwd=3RuyR7vcsJaix396lSyajKOfjE3dX1.1&omn=82035753254>

Meeting ID: 984 078 4763

Passcode: 010824

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PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Please wait for the Chair to acknowledge you before you speak.
2. Begin by stating your name and address.
3. Give us your comments, opinions, or questions on the issue being discussed.
4. To ensure that everyone has time to speak and that we can address other items on the agenda, we may limit an individual's speaking time to 5 minutes. If time permits, we may allow you one additional time period to provide new information.
5. Please be respectful of the planning commission, applicant, and your neighbors.

Again, thank you for attending.

Tom Hilberg
Chair

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES – Workshop

Monday, December 11, 2023

MEETING COMMENCED: 6:00 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

Corey Code, Larry Dehring, Chairperson Tom Hilberg, Delynn Pauly, Norm Poli and John Stender

ABSENT

Vice-chairperson Michelle Woodruff

OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Skibbe – Township Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

L. Dehring made a **motion** to approve the December 11, 2023 minutes, **supported** by N. Poli.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2024-2028 Alpena Area Recreation Plan Draft

Discussion: The commission agreed that the draft recreation plan looked good and no changes were needed. A public hearing for the recreation plan will be held on Monday, January 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Form Recreation Committee

Discussion: Supervisor Skibbe discussed ideas for forming a joint CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) committee and recreation committee. He felt combining the three members of the CIA, who are Board of Trustees members, with two members from the planning commission would form a strong recreation committee that could meet quarterly. Supervisor Skibbe will compile more information on a possible recreation committee for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Skibbe and the commission discussed multiple recreational opportunities, potential bi-paths and ways to improve the community. Also, the township master plan will need to be updated in 2024. Supervisor Skibbe suggested that the commission consider addressing water/sewer infrastructure in the master plan.

NEXT MEETING – January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – L. Dehring made a **motion** to adjourn, **supported** by J. Stender. Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Hilberg at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Daoust
Acting Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE ALPENA AREA JOINT RECREATION PLAN

At a meeting, properly noticed, of the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission, held on the 8th day of January, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., with the membership as follows:

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by Planning Commission member _____ and seconded by Planning Commission member _____:

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Alpena has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2024 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Alpena has entered into this planning process in collaboration with Alpena County, Green Township, Ossineke Township, Sanborn Township, and Wilson Township; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Joint Recreation Planning Effort of Alpena Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Charter Township of Alpena were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on January 8, 2024, at the Charter Township of Alpena offices to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Alpena Area Joint Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Alpena has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the Charter Township of Alpena.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission hereby adopts the Alpena Area Joint Recreation Plan and recommends adoption by the Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

The Planning Commission Chairperson declared the resolution adopted.

Passed and approved this 8th day of January, 2024, by the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA PLANNING COMMISSION

Dated: _____

By: Thomas Hilberg
Its: Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Charter Township of Alpena Planning Commission at a properly noticed meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Township offices, located at 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan 49707, with a quorum present.

Dated: _____

By: Thomas Hilberg
Its: Chairperson