

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2023

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 CO 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE, MI 49837 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Dean Vanloon followed by the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present are Chairperson Dean VanLoon, Nate Neumeier, Theresa Chenier, ~~DeeJ~~ Dean. Absent Greg Faust. 4 attendees is a quorum. Chair VanLoon announced Mr. Faust has submitted his resignation.

Motion to approve January 2, 2023 minutes as revised made by Nate N. Second by DJ Dean. All in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Fred Minor

Motion to approve Agenda made by Nate N. Second by Theresa C. All in favor Motion passed.

No Zoning Administrator's report. Al Gareau not present.

Board Liaison Report given by Theresa C. The Fire Dept has a new cadet. Audit is continuing. Tri-Media work is continuing on the mapping and online access for the cemetery. Shumaker Technology Group is closing in on completing the new township website. Please let Clerk Chenier know if there is anything you would like to see added to the website. ARPA funds must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Bittner Engineering will be submitting options for updates to the Township Hall. A flood plain ordinance is being required by FEMA. The Future Land Use Map is going forward. There is continued work on the address signs. The Board of Review will meet in March. Escanaba Township currently has 3 precincts. It would be cost effective to have only 2. One at Besse Hall and 1 in Flat Rock at the Township Hall. The Board approved to grant Billerud status of a renaissance zone. Currently Approximately \$600 annually is received from Billerud in tax revenue. In 12-13 years the tax revenue will show a substantial increase.

Delta County Commissioner Steve Viau introduced himself as representative of portion of Escanaba Township and encouraged everyone to please contact him with any issues or concerns. Email: sviau@deltacountymi.gov or phone 906-553-5377.

OLD BUSINESS

The Future Land Use Map letters that were sent have been out for the required days. No responses have been received back. A Public Hearing will be scheduled. A Public Notice will be published. The hearing should be able to be held during the March 6, ~~2023~~ ^{2023 CMC} meeting.

Motion to accept resolution 2-6-23 as written to amend the 2010 zoning map made by Nate N. Second by ~~DeeJ~~ Dean. Verbal vote: Neumeier YES Chenier YES Dean YES VanLoon YES. Motion passed 4 Yeas. -o- Nays. This will be forwarded on as a recommendation to the Township Board for a legislative vote.

Motion made by Dean V for Nate Neumeier to become Vice-Chair. Second by Theresa C. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Escanaba Township Planning Commission annual budget of \$14000 was approved to continue into year 2023.

Chair VanLoon announced that the Planning Commission is seeking new members. Please apply to Dean VanLoon or Supervisor, Tom Rymkos.

The Commission started reviewing and discussing evidence of at least 14 changes that previously were discussed and voted on in past years. Some made it to the 2010 Zoning Map but it appears that the majority did not. Process will be to match the written information to the 2010 Map to uncover the errors and then proceed with making the corrections.

No ZBA meeting were held in January 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Steve Viau. Fred Minor. Tom Piche.

Motion to adjourn was made by Theresa C at 8:44 PM. Second by Nate N. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is March 6, 2023, 7:30 pm at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County Rd 416 20th Rd Gladstone MI 49837. Please contact 906-280-6182 if you require assistance to attend a meeting.

Approved March 6, 2023 Cathy Culliton