

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES September 6, 2022

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairperson Dean VanLoon with recital of the Pledge of Allegiance .

Verbal Roll Call: Dean VanLoon present. Theresa Chenier, Present. Larry Klope, Present. Greg Faust, Present. Nathan Neumeier Absent. 4 Members fulfill a board quorum.

Mr. VanLoon thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced the Planning Commission is searching for additional members.

Motion was made by T. Chenier to approve the August 1, 2022 minutes as presented. G. Faust second. Larry Klope abstained (was not present at Aug 1,22 meeting) **3 of 4 members in favor. Motion passed.**

Motion was made by L. Klope to approve the agenda with the exclusion of Phil LaMarch under new business, (Mr. LaMarch notified that he will not be attending the meeting tonight.) G.Faust second. All in favor. Motion passed.

No Zoning Administrators report. Mr. Gareau is not present.

T. Chenier gave the Board Liaison report: 5 new build permits were brought to the office. Road repairs were done in the Westridge Heights area D52. Fire truck #6 is downstate for repairs. Fire department will be changing to the IAM RESPONDING radio app. Township is still looking for someone to give bid on shrub removal around the township hall. Concerns were made regarding verso grow as fertilizer. Approval was given to fire department for ~~MATS~~ fire response. Ball field bleachers were suggested to need repairs. Colleen Maki, Township Assessor, addressed the board. Theresa Nelson gave the Delta County Commissioner's report. The fire signs are ~~X~~ work in progress because there are some address issues. → **re: Land splits**

Chairperson Van Loon opened the meeting to public hearing comments at 7:40 pm with 5 minutes granted per participant. He announced there is no response from the Planning Commission required. All comments will be taken into consideration before handing the proposed Solar Ordinance to the Board for their review and consideration. Public Comments were made by: Bob Barron, John Miron, Patti Lancour, Barb Clairmont, Pat Barron, Cathy Culliton, Fred Minor, Glen Marenger, Christine Williams, Tim Barron. Public Comment session closed at 8:22 pm.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing requested by Fred and Ilsa Minor on August 9,2022. Continued with session II on August 23. Then on August 31, 2022 to review minutes for approval. The task was to determine if the township zoning map was correct or incorrect. It was found through extensive research that the Zoning map is **incorrect**. This will be presented to the Board to determine what they deem necessary.

Public Comments: Fred Minor, Pat Barron, Bob Barron

(Due to threats towards the Planning Commission board being verbalized, the Michigan State Police were called as a safety precaution by the secretary as a 911 call at approx. 8:30 pm)

Member Comments: Motion was made by G. Faust to schedule a special meeting on Sept 14, 2022 to continue proposed solar ordinance discussion. Second by L. Klope. All in favor. Motion passed. The Special Meeting will be at the Township Hall at 7:00 pm. 4618 Co 16 20th RD Gladstone MI 49837.

Motion to adjourn by L. Klope. Second by. G. Faust. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Meeting minutes by Cathy Culliton, Recording Secretary