

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES MARCH 6, 2023 7:30 PM ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 COUNTY 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE MI

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dean VanLoon at 7:38 pm followed by recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call. Members present are Chairperson Dean VanLoon, DJ Dean, Theresa Chenier, Barbie Clairmont. Absent: Nate Neumeier. Four members qualifies a quorum. Dean welcomed Barbie Clairmont to Planning Commission for a 3 year term.

Motion to accept Feb 6, 2023 minutes with corrections made by T.Chenier. Second by DJ Dean. All in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Bob ~~Barron~~ (Barron)sp asked to be added to the Agenda to present a re-zone request.

Motion to accept Agenda with addition was made by T,Chenier . Second by D VanLoon. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Hearing to consider amendment to the Master Plan adding the Future Land Use Map opened at 7:44 pm

Public Comments. Fred Minor stated he has family that owns several acres in the Solar Overlay area that is used mostly as hunting lands and would like it to not be changed from current zoning of RP. Public Comments closed at 7:46 pm. No other responses have been received from notifications that were sent out and published. Chairperson VanLoon read the resolution aloud. He also stated that a Future Land Use Map prior to this hearing, was not included with the Master Plan as required by the Michigan Planning & Enabling Act (MCL125.3845 sub section 3). Attached as exhibit "A". The Resolution will be forwarded to the Board for consideration of approval at their next meeting.

Motion to accept Resolution to amend the Master Plan to include the Future Land Use Map made by DJ Dean. Second by B.Clairmont. Roll call vote: DJ Dean YES Barbie Clairmont YES Theresa Chenier YES Dean VanLoon YES. Nate Neumier Absent. Motion passed 4 Yays. -o- Nays. Resolution # 3-23

Zoning Administrator Report by Al Gareau. The township attorney is involved with the LaBumbard case. Two new permits were received.

Township Board Liaison report given by Theresa Chenier. A letter was received from Mr. Fittante expressing thanks for passing a renaissance zone request from Billerud. The Delta County Waste Management Report is available at the Clerk's office. A new AED is ordered for the township hall. Basement water issues repairs were discussed. The new website will be up soon. There will be a link to the cemetery. The State audit is still ongoing. The FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance was completed. Address signs total cost is around \$64000. Assistant Assessor, Colleen Maki gave an informative annual report. Resolution #23-2 passed. Highline Internet requested a letter so they may request grants. The Budget was approved for the next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS. Bob Barron presented a written request for a zoning change on 195 acres near West Gladstone. Via e-mail the township received a request for Barndominium type construction in the Lake Bluff area. More details and a site plan is needed to proceed with consideration and verify it meets requirements of residential sections of the area.

OLD BUSINESS. The Planning Commission began review of the Zoning changes addressed on November 2010. There were 14 items found in previous minutes that had zoning changes in writing. The 2010 Zoning Map, does not reflect all the changes mentioned. The plan laid out before the commission is to take each item and carefully review to verify if it is reflected on the map correctly. Items 1 through 7 were discussed. An option to converse with former Planning Commissioner Penegor and former Supervisor Dubord was mentioned. They may be able to add information and clarify intention of the Planning Commission during the time in question. This is tabled to continue with the next meeting.

No Zoning Board of Appeals meeting were held in February 2023.

Public Comments. ~~Ilsa~~(Ilsa)sp. Minor. Fred Minor. Steve Viau. John Miron. Member Comments. NONE

Motion to adjourn meeting made by DJ Dean at 9:05 pm. Second by Barbie Clairmont. All in favor. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is April 3, 2023 7:30 pm at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 20th Rd Gladstone, MI 49837 If you require assistance to attend a meeting please call or text 906-280-6182.

Meeting minutes prepared by Cathy Culliton, Recording Secretary.

