

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 5, 2023, 7:30 PM

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 CO 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE MI 49837

Website: escanabatownshipmi.gov

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice Chairperson Nate Neumeier followed by recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. Nate Neumeier, Theresa Chenier, Barbie Clairmont, Mitch Gagnon, DeJian Dean. All Members Present.

Chairperson Dean Vanloon has passed.

Motion to approve April 3, 2023, minutes with corrections made by Theresa Chenier. Second by Barbie Clairmont. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comments. None

Motion to approve agenda made by DeJian Dean. Second by Barbie Clairmont. All in Favor. Motion passed.

No Zoning Administrator report.

Theresa Chenier presented the liaison report for the Township Board. Items Discussed:

- Fire Department officers voted and approve ,grants
- State audit continues to be reviewed
- Website up and running. Let the Township know if there are any corrections that need to be made.
- ARPA money discussed
- LaBumbard blight still on going
- Process of consolidating Precincts 2 & 3 into one precinct continues.
- Resolution from township board had passed on consolidating precinct 2 & 3
- Aluminum bleachers for park approved and purchased
- Delta County Mitigation resolution passed and sent to Delta County
- Discussion on money in CD's to combine and invest
- Approval of Assessors contract
- Have 4 old laptop computers and have decided to not try and fix, will dispose of
- 4 benches made for the pavilion.
- Insurance claim for Fire Equipment from accident has been received in full
- Fire Department at the Honor Flight
- Training for Fire Department continues
- Information for Township [Website](#)
- Trash Vouchers available at town hall
- Mitch Gagnon appointed to Planning Commission
- D7 Road approved but waiting for determination of annexation, if we should put on hold or complete last for the season
- A lawsuit to follow if annexation is filed. Meeting June 20, 2023

OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Zoning issues from 2010. **Motion made by Barbie Clairmont, Second by Theresa Chenier, to table issue until more training is done by Planning Commission members and to see what happens with the annexation. All in favor. Motion passed.**
- B. Discussion on the changes to the Fee schedule for zoning. The Township will be on par with the surrounding townships with recommended rates. Current fees are far below other townships in the area. Escanaba Township was occurring cost with previous fee schedule. **Motion made by Theresa Chenier Second by Barbie Clairmont to recommend new fee schedule to township board. All in favor. Motion passed.**
- C. Zoning change request by Barron Farms. The township did receive the corrected request form. **Motion made by Barbie Clairmont Second by Mitch Gagnon to table the request until Planning Commission members receive more training. All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Planning Commission position/officers

Nomination of Nate Neumeier as Chairperson was made by Barbie Clairmont Second by Mitch Gagnon. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Nomination of Barbie Clairmont as Vice Chairperson was made by Theresa Chenier Second by DeJian Dean. All in favor. Motion passed.

- B. Education. Discussed the MTA training happening July 18th at the Casino. The Township has paid for a training package from the MTA. All members of the Planning Commission are interested. Will need Board approval to attend as this is an added cost. Theresa Chenier spoke on the Citizen Planner Course.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. ZBA needs a meeting to be scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Trish from Phil and Lee's homes, Fred Minor, Steve Viau, Tom Pietsch, Bonnie Haakola.

Motion to adjourn was made by DeJian Dean Second Barbie Clairmont. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

The next scheduled meeting for the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is July 5, 2023, at 7:30 pm Escanaba Township Hall 4618 C0 416 20th Rd Gladstone MI 49837. Contact 906-280-6182 if you need assistance attending a meeting.

Minutes Prepared by DeJian Dean, Secretary