

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2023
7:30 PM ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 COUNTY 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE MI 49837**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nate Neumeier at 7:31 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verbal Roll Call. Present are Chair Nate Neumeier. Vice Chair Barbie Clairmont. Secretary DJ Dean. Theresa Chenier. Mitch Gagnon. Mitchel Bunno. Scott Mitchell. All members are present.

Motion to approve June 5,2023 minutes with corrections was made by Chenier. Second by Bunno. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Participation. NONE

Motion to approve agenda made by Clairmont. Second by Bunno. All in favor. Motion passed.

No Zoning Administrator Report.

Theresa Chenier gave the Board Liaison report for the Board June 12, 2023 meeting.

Items discussed were:

- Fire Dept had 8 calls. 7 were mutual aid.
- The Mutual Aid Agreement was explained and discussed.
- Auditor requested additional information. Audit should be completed by next meeting.
- Basement water repairs need quote.
- A quote for gutters on township hall is needed. Will help with water issue.
- Independent Roofing Inc will repair roof at township hall.
- Township Road repairs.
- New Planning Commission members were announced.
- Contract with Gladstone Public Library approved.
- Building permits need submission in a timely manner.
- LaBumbard blight case will be seeking a new judgement.
- ARPA Funds were discussed.
- Copy of townhall renovation plans were reviewed.
- Annexation was discussed.
- Education approved for July 18, 2023.
- Publishing a Newsletter was approved.
- Joe Kaplan gave a report concerning Delta Conservation District election.
- Consideration of a new internet service.
- New blacktop at Township Hall considered. Will get quotes.
- Township Hall rental on hold during renovation.

7:44 pm Dean left table. He returned at 7:45pm. Meeting resumed.

Old Business. **Motion to table Zoning issues of November 2010 and the Zoning Map was made by Gagnon. Second by Bunno. All in favor. Motion passed.** This will allow new members to become familiar with concerns previously discovered by ZBA research.

Motion to hold a Public Hearing September 5, 2023 during the scheduled Planning Commission meeting, to consider a zoning change request by Barron Farms was made by Dean. Second by S. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business. New Planning Commissioners were welcomed and thanked for stepping forward to help guide the township. All members introduced themselves.

Education. MTA is holding an educational class July 18, 2023 at Island Resort and Casino in Harris, MI from 4pm to 8pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Also, the MTA (Michigan Township Assoc) holds online webinars. Chenier suggests to focus on Planning and Zoning webinars at this time. All Planning Commission members are registered. Contact Theresa with any questions.

Scott Mitchell volunteered to work with Chairperson Neumeier to do research and bring information back to the commission concerning roofing requirements.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing June 28, 2023. Variance #23-6 was requested by property owners Stephen and Julie DeLaire involving a new build of detached garage placement. ZBA concluded if a new site plan is received placing new build on home 16' towards road and the new stick-built garage 16' back, they will approve his plan. Supervisor Rymkos will follow through with this agreement.

Public Comments. Tom Piche

Members Comments. Theresa Chenier stated she received approval to purchase Plat Books for all members to have for future reference and research. She provided in their packet terms for each commissioner. Chair Neumeier stated he would like each member to have individual email address dedicated through the township.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm was made by Dean. Second by S. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

