

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 COUNTY 416 20<sup>TH</sup> RD GLADSTONE MI 49837**

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

Verbal Roll call. Present are Chairperson Nate Neumeier, Theresa Chenier, Scott Mitchel, Mitchel Bunno, Mitchel Gannon and DJ Dean. Not present is Barbie Clairmont, excused.

**Motion to approve the August 7, 2023 minutes with correction was made by M. Bunno. Second by S. Mitchel. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public participation. Fred Minor

**Motion to approve the agenda made by M. Bunno. Second by DJ Dean. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Township Board Liaison Report delivered by T. Chenier.

- The Fire Department had 5 call outs. They attended the Hannahville Fire Awareness program which was greatly appreciated by the sponsor. The Ladder truck attended the ceremony for the Honor Flight.
- The State Auditor gave her report.
- Norm Fleury has been working on Blight concerns.
- ARPA funds are continuing to be discussed.
- There was discussion concerning a township road to include the county to perform snow plowing.
- The Board approved the Zoning Fee schedule changes that the Planning Commission recommended.
- A grant for \$10,000 was applied for. Waiting to hear back from this.
- The shrubs around the perimeter of the Township Hall have been removed.
- An agreement to start a fire truck account of \$50,000, to save for truck replacement, was approved.
- The ball field bleachers can not be donated. It is required to collect a valued dollar amount.
- Clerk Chenier and Supervisor Rymkos attended a meeting regarding the fire-house number signs. The cost to the township could be \$60,000. They are looking into the possibility of a grant to help with this expense.
- The Board is working on reviewing and discussing the township's Blight Ordinance

New Business. NONE

Old Business. Mr. Charlie Becker, professional land management director in our area, offered his knowledge of land descriptions and locations to help decipher concerns of the 2010 Zoning Map. Theresa Chenier and Scott Mitchel met with Mr.Becker.

Barron Farms request for re-zoning of six properties will require a public hearing. Neighbors within 300 feet will be notified and publications will be posted with required information of hearing.

Home based business was discussed. At this time, there are no issues.

No ZBA meetings were held in August 2023.

Public Comments. Fred Minor

Member Comments. T. Chenier reminded that the Citizen Planner course is available on-line. She also suggests each member review the Zoning Ordinance for any areas that may need to be looked at and to be prepared for zoning change hearing. The Special Orders Book is updated and filed at the township office. Provided in the packets tonight is a zoning worksheet and MSU (Michigan State University) checklist for zoning changes.

**Motion to adjourn was made by M. Bunno at 8:05 pm. Second by M. Gannon. All in favor. Motion passed.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission is October 2, 2023, 7:30 pm at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 2th Rd Gladstone, MI 49837.

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