

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES - Workshop

Monday, May 7, 2018

MEETING COMMENCED: 6:03 PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

Secretary Lisa Brendle, Larry Dehring, Chairperson Tom Hilberg, Chuck LeFebvre, Norm Poli, Ann Marie Rich and Vice-chairperson Fred Sterns

ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Skibbe – Township Supervisor
Susan Skibbe – 130 Channel Rd #2
Tammy Thomson – 2448 Diamond Dr
Marty Thomson – 2802 M-65 N, Lachine
Kirk Malcomson – Township Building Inspector

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

F. Sterns made a **motion** to adopt the agenda, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. *Motion passed.*

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UPDATE – Bi-Path Extension – L. Clark

L. Clark gave updates on the South Bay Bi-Path Extension and the 45th Parallel (proposed Peter Pettalia Memorial) Parks. In March, there had been a meeting with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) representative Teresa Sherwood. At that meeting, it was reported that T. Sherwood felt the design of the path should be a ‘straight line’ approach to limit any disturbance to wetlands. A wetlands study will still need to be completed and several easements will need to be approved by the Township of Alpena and possibly other property owners.

WORKSHOP – Update Zoning Ordinance – NEMCOG – D. Cline

D. Cline provided an overview of the material to be covered in the workshop. Most communities need two meetings to complete the Land Use Section. This workshop will include a review of the districts defined in our current zoning ordinance then a review of each districts Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses. During these reviews and discussions, the current Township Zoning Map and the Future Land Use Map will be used. Consideration will be given to making zoning changes to areas that are problematic or per the Future Land Use Map.

The next workshop for the zoning ordinance review will be in June. T. Hilberg will be coordinating dates for the workshop with D. Cline and the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION

Marty Thomson addressed the Planning Commission regarding his property located at the corner of Long Rapids Road and Gutches Road. In 2012, M. Thomson had tried obtaining a zoning change for his property from R-1 to B-2 but was denied. More recently, the land is being cleared in hopes of attracting a potential buyer. M. Thomson feels strongly that the area is too busy for R-1 zoning but thought it would be better suited for possible OS zoning. He also discussed the option of the property being divided. Discussions centered around the need for a plan for the future use of the property to be developed before a zoning change could be determined.

NEXT MEETING - May 14, 2018

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Hilberg at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brendle
Secretary/ldt