

Baraga Township Planning Commission

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:00 PM

Baraga Township Hall, 13919 State HWY M38, Baraga, MI 49908

A public hearing was held at the Baraga Township Hall on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 to hear public comments on proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

The public hearing was opened by Chairperson Parkila at 6:00 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Dianne Koskinen, George Danielson, Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier.

The following Commissioners were absent: Jerry Dompier (phone).

Also present: *Planning consultant:* Pat Coleman. *Sign-in sheet:* Phil Therrian, Bill Delene, Roger Turunen, Cathy Wadaga, Amy Isaacson, William Olsen, Phil Acciacca.

Pat Coleman explained that to go many years without updating the zoning ordinance leaves an archaic document. A request to construct a campground was turned down due to it not fitting the zoning ordinance, which prompted a review. Coleman presented the proposed changes.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard on the following topics:

1. Neighboring property is currently being used as a campground. The planning commission reported no special use application has been submitted and suggested the property owner contact the zoning administrator regarding this concern.
2. Public road and easements. The planning commission has no jurisdiction regarding this concern.
3. 100 foot set-back from property line is too much. The planning commission will discuss the distance and required buffers.
4. Solar energy apparatuses.
5. Storage of RVs.

The planning commission explained that going forward the procedure is to meet to discuss the changes to the zoning ordinance with attention to public comment and make recommendations to the Baraga Township Board. The Baraga Township Board will make a decision and the amended zoning ordinance will be posted.

Commissioner Parkila closed the public hearing at 6:54 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Baraga Township Hall.

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