

Baraga Township Planning Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 6:00 PM

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

The regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission was held at the Baraga Township Hall on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

The meeting was called to order 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: *Phone:* Pat Coleman. *Sign-in sheet:* Terry Sintkowski, Mary LaCourt, Phillip La Court, Amy Isaacson, Bill Olsen, Phil Acciacca, Bill Delene, Phil Therrian.

Chairperson Parkila declared that a quorum was present and directed the Commission to proceed with the regular order of business.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard on the following topics:

1. Rural Character
2. Wording of definitions “business”, “organization”, “person”, “entity”
3. Temporary living quarters suggested to specify “temporary”
4. Grading permits
5. RV for seasonal dwelling
6. Basis of determination “essential character of surrounding area”
7. Specific special land use standards
8. PA 386 of 1978
9. Property zoned residential vs. residential district
10. Storage areas 10,000 square feet

The procedure for proceeding with development was explained: 1st apply for a special use permit, 2nd a public hearing will be held to hear public comment at which the applicant will present the development plan, 3rd the planning commission will discuss and either approve or deny the application. If approved, the applicant will then work with the necessary agencies to obtain a building permit.

The public was reminded there is no application presented at this time; the purpose of this meeting is to amend the zoning ordinance, so the planning commission has guidelines to follow in the event an application is submitted.

Minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular meeting

Discussion: None

A motion was made by Danielson, supported by Koskinen, to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2023, regular meeting as presented. All in favor.

Minutes of the November 29, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Discussion: None

A motion was made by Lozier, supported by Danielson, to approve the Minutes of the November 29, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING as presented. All in Favor.

Minutes of the PUBLIC HEARING January 10, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion: Table for April meeting.

New Business

Approving the updates to the zoning ordinance.

Discussion: The planning commission is in favor of all changes to the zoning ordinance with one exception.

1. Article 15 Special Land Use Permits, Section 15.6 J Campgrounds, RV Parks and Organized Camps 1.c should read "No space shall be so located that any part intended for occupancy is within fifty (50) feet of an adjoining property zoned for residential use and buffered as provided in Section 10.2. This requirement may be reduced to twenty-five (25) feet if an acceptable forested buffer strip is maintained along the property line."

A motion was made by Lozier, supported by Koskinen, to recommend the amendments to the zoning ordinance as prepared with one change to the Baraga Township Board for approval. All in Favor.

Old Business

None.

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Baraga Township Hall.

A motion was made by Koskinen, seconded by Lozier, to adjourn at 7:26 PM.

Ayes: All in favor. Nays: None.

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