

Baraga Township Planning Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairperson Parkila.

Present: Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier, George Danielson, Jerry Dompier, Dianne Koskinen

Absent: None

Chairperson Parkila declares that a quorum is present.

Also present: public

Minutes of the April 10, 2024 regular meeting and Public Hearing

Discussion: none

A motion was made by Lozier, supported by Danielson, to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2024, regular meeting and Public Hearing as presented.

Ayes: all in favor

Nays: none

Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING May 8, 2024 and Public Hearing

Discussion:

A motion was made by Parkila, supported by Danielson, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Public Hearing, May 8, 2024 as presented.

Ayes: all in favor

Nays: none

New Business

1. Master Plan review:

Discussion: There are conflicts between zoning and the master plan. Commissioners agree they need professional guidance in revising the Master Plan. In 2017 OHM Advisors were hired to prepare the Master Plan which has been in effect for seven years. The Master Plan is required to be reviewed every five years and updated or revised every ten years.

A motion was made by Dompier, supported by Danielson to recommend to the Township Board to hire a firm to assist the Planning Commission to update the Master Plan.

Ayes: all in favor

Nays: none

2. Bill Olsen, Zoning Administrator, presented a concern from Mike Heikkinen about a break-wall that is on his property that he would like removed. The Planning Commission determined they do not have the authority to act in any capacity on this matter.

3. Website: Chris Bryan expressed concern that it is not easy to find the Planning Commission meetings on the Township website. The Planning Commission looked at the website and decided that Koskinen will contact the website administrator to ask that a Planning Commission tab be added to the Township website homepage as other Township tabs are listed at the top and in white.

Public Comment

- A. Pete Ryan – Commended the board on the action that is being taken on the Master Plan review. The Planning Commission will delay approval of Special Use permit applications that relate to the Master Plan changes that are of most concern until the new Master Plan is developed and adopted.

Old Business

None

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM.

A motion was made by Danielson, supported by Parkila to adjourn at 6:33 PM.

Ayes: all in favor

Nays: none

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Attached: no attachments