

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Escanaba Township was called to order at 7:30pm and began with Jack Penegor leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer. Members present were Tom Rymkos, Jack Penegor, Rene Lippens, Cliff Barron and Ken Brunette. Deputy Clerk Nichole Miller attended to take the meetings minutes.

Rene Lippens made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from January the motion was seconded by Ken Brunette; motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Blight Update –Alfred Gareau had none to report.
- Board Meeting Update -Tom Rymkos had nothing to report.
- Bob Barron- Bob had issued a complaint regarding residential homes that were inside an industrial zone. Jack Penegor informed him that the statute of limitations does apply to the homes in question because they were built over 6 years ago.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Frank Paquin inquired about the zoning of his property. Cliff Barron said it was industrial and that he called Frank Paquin and informed him of the change to his zoning from R1 to industrial. Tom Rymkos asked if he wanted it rezoned to R1? Frank Paquin said yes, he wanted it back how it was before. Jack Penegor said he will find the old and new maps, review them with Kevin Dubord and will get back to him. Frank Paquin will be added to next month's agenda as unfinished business.
- Beauchamp Grove Cross Country Track- requested a Large Gathering permit. Carla Beauchamp stated they expect to have possibly seven races. The race will gather 500-800 people. They have a hay field for cars to park instead of on the road. Carla Beauchamp will give Beauchamp Groove Cross Country Track schedule to the board.
- Rene Lippens made a motion for a public hearing regarding three Large Gathering permits; Beauchamp Grove Cross Country Track, UP Tractor Pulls and (Barron Farms?). Seconded by Cliff Barron. The motion was passed for a Public Hearing to be held on April 6, 2015 at The Escanaba Township Hall 7:30pm. Deputy Clerk Miller will mail a letter to the residents living within 300 feet of the above mentioned gatherings to inform them about the Public Hearing. A notice will be placed in The Daily Press regarding the Public Hearing.
- Jack Penegor made a motion to schedule a work secession. Seconded by Cliff Barron. Motion passed. The work secession will be **March 9th 7:00pm at the Besse Fire Hall**. Jack Penegor asked Deputy Clerk Miller to attend, she will.
- Road Commission- Tom Rymkos: The West Gladstone Bridge repair has been pushed back two months to June 1<sup>st</sup>. MDOT informed Tom that the work will be done by November 15, 2015.

**NEXT MEETING: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:30pm at the Escanaba Township Hall**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Barron, Dan Robitaille, Bob Barron, Paula Hughes**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Ken Brunette seconded by Rene Lippens. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.**