

Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning
August 7, 2017

The regular meeting of the Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning Commission was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7:30 pm. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack Penegor.

Roll Call: Jack Penegor, Rene Lippens, Cliff Barron, and Ann LaBumbard were present. Ray Hughes was excused.

Minutes for July 6, 2017 Motion was made by Rene Lippens, Seconded by Ann LaBumbard. Approved by all board members.

Add to the Agenda: Gravel Pit, Lake Bluff Playground, and Robert Barron. Ann LaBumbard made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Cliff Barron Seconded it and it was approved by the commission.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Gary Way: The seal coat on M lane the grass coming up in the road. Was advised to see Ken Burnette.

Blight: Vandresse Blight complaint need to table this as the owner has to be contacted and given a chance to take care of the complaint before it goes before the board. Jack will check at the township board meeting.

New Business: Ordinance for Wind mills are addressed with the tower heights ordinance and that should cover the wind mills. Cliff Barron said the Solar Panels are regulated by the State. The commission will have to research on the panels.

Old Business: The Playground in Lake Bluff, it is in the Master Plan. The township does not own a lot in Lake Bluff to build a playground. Mrs. King was to attend with letters of support of support for this playground. She did not attend this matter was tabled.

66' easement: page 4 section 104. Can't override the state law for easements with the Land Division act. A new letter to the Lawyer address this matter. Lawyer needs to give a decision if the easements can't be over road. Jack Penegor will check into this.

Gravel pit: need a copy of the variance or conditional permit for the Bichler gravel pit. Jack Penegor will check at the board meeting to see where this permit is. Cliff made a motion to set up meeting with 2 people from the zoning commission and from the township board, plus Mr Bryak for discussing use and times of operation. Kim Ingram, Trent Billingar and Al Hixon would like a copy. Board has to approve the committee and the noise and vibration testing.

Robert Barron the rezoning of the garage. Wanted the commission to reconsider the rezoning as each member who voted did not give a reason why they voted against it the rezoning. Mr. Barron stated there are a lot of businesses on this road and didn't understand why his was not approved. The businesses on the road are owner occupied with the exception of White Birch and the Flat Rock Grocery. Mr. Barron was advised he could reapply for a zoning change.

Public Hearing for Tammy and Jim Jursch will be held Thursday September 7, 2017 at 7:30pm. They are looking for a variance for a garage/ workshop.

Announcements of this meeting and the open house at the townhall were made.

Public comment: Robert Barron.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rene Lippens, Seconded by Cliff Barron and approved by all.
Adjourned at 9pm.