

Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning
January 4th, 2018 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning commission was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was led by Jack Penegor.

ROLL CALL: Jack Penegor, Ray Hughes, Rene Lippens, Norm Fleury, Ann LaBumbard and Barry King were present. Cliff Barron was Excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: needed who seconded motion for Questions 9 and 12. And wording on Ann LaBumbard vote for the Marijuana opt. Motion to except the minutes with the changes was made by Ray Hughes and seconded by Ann LaBumbard. Approved by all. These changes were made and minutes reprinted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Robert Barron solar energy. Patti Lancour solar energy.

APPROVAL OF ADGENDA: New business add solar energy. Old business Resolution form to the Escanaba Township Board. Motion was made by Norm Fleury and seconded by Ray Hughes. Approved by all.

ZONING ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT: there were no zoning permits. No Blight reports. Board meeting update. The new windows for the hall: they were waiting for a warmer day to install.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution of the Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning Commission to reject Robert and Barbara Barron's request for zoning change. The form was handed out by Terry Burkhart to the zoning board. It was looked at. There was a suggestion the zoning board take 15 minutes to read this over and then it can be discussed. Mr. Barron objected to not seeing this form so he could have an answer to this. Mr. Burkhart explained this was handed out now so there was no question of the zoning board members talking about this prior to this meeting. Also the opinions for the December 4th meeting the zoning board decided to look at these in a public meeting. It could have been done in a closed meeting and none of the information from these opinions would not have been available to the public. The resolution was read over. Norm Fleury Made a motion to accept the motion as written seconded by Ray Hughes. Resolution stated this matter came before the Zoning and Planning Commission on a motion to reject Robert and Barbara Barron's requested rezoning change, a quorum being present, and the Zoning and Planning Commission being fully advised in the premises:
For the reasons stated in the attached Findings of Fact, the Conclusions of Law and Determination Regarding Application to Rezone Property From R-3 to C-3(Commercial), The Zoning and Planning Commission RESOLVES and formally recommends that the Escanaba Township Board reject Robert and Barbara Barron's request for a zoning change from R-3 to C-3 relative to a one-acre parcel proposed to be split off from a larger 10+ acre parcel owned by the Barrons. That 10+ acre parcel is the former premises of the Flat Rock School and the Baptist Church.

Vote to send this to the Township Board Rene Lippens yes, Barry King yes, Ray Hughes yes, Norm Fleury, yes, Ann LaBumbard, yes, and Jack Penegor Yes.

NEW BUSINESS: Solar energy. The Township has no authorization to regulate Solar Energy as it is regulated by State of Michigan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting is February 5th, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ray Hughes to adjourn, seconded by Norm Fleury. All approved. Adjourned 9: 03 pm