

Escanaba Zoning and Planning Commission workshop

05/21/2018

Workshop for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7 pm.

Chapter 9 of the Master Plan will be replaced by Capital improvement Plan.

This exercise was done at the workshop.

What we are proud of: Township Hall, Volunteer Fire Dept. Besse Firehall, Pavilion and Recreation Park.

Sorry List: Township property by the high school.

Strengths: Fire Dept., good work ethics, Cemetery, Roads, Township Hall, Infrastructure in the area Railroad, airport, Recreation facilities in the township, Relationship to the paper mill/forest industry, Farming.

Weaknesses: Travel corridors for bikers and pedestrians. Better, safer walkways, water wells (there are shallow wells with contamination). Lack of business support from township, Road speeds, Website need to be updated. Recreational trails connected with other township trails.

Opportunities: Solar farm, trails, grants.

Threats: water wells, aging population, paper mill if it closes down, old dams.

Out of all these concerns these are the top 5. 1. Solar 2. Safer walking and bike trails. 3. Trail connections. 4. Water wells. 5 Lack of business support.

Talking about these items and how the projects have been accomplished in the township. There were project committees with people from the township, who worked on the projects and grants that needed to be done.

If we want wider roads so there is room for walkers, and bikers. We would have to start working on grants now for projects to be done in a few years. It takes time to work on grants. Starting a committee will be on the agenda for the next Zoning and Planning Commission meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 7:30pm. If interested in serving on this committee please come to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.