

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

May 7, 2018 meeting

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

Roll Call: Jack Penegor, Ray Hughes, Norm Fleury, Rene Lippens, Ann LaBumbard, Cliff Barron and Barry King were present.

Motion to Approve the April 2, 2018 Meeting was made by Rene Lippens, seconded by Ray Hughes approved by all.

Public Participation: Gary Way: asked about Samson blight case and going to court. He was told the prosecutor would not file charges. Robert Barron questioned how the Variance Appeal Board could approve a variance when it didn't meet the setback requirements. Was explained how the process worked, and the approval of the neighbors held a lot of weight.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ray Hughes. Seconded by Barry King and approved by all.

Zoning Permits: 9 permits were issued, 8 were approved. One was sent back to have a final part to be finished before it can be approved.

Blight Report: There were no complaints.

Board update: Dan Bender would like to see the piece of land that a person is interested in rezoned to R-3, at the township property. Windows and siding are being done at the hall.

New Business: The Lawyer sent paperwork for the board to go over to change the blight ordinance. Would like to do a workshop for this but not until the Master Plan is done.

Old Business: No new information concerning the solar farm. Bichler Gravel: No one from Bichler's came. Someone from the township needs to see them for the Trees that need to be planted. Their Conditional use permit needs to be done. They may not be aware of this. Cliff Barron brought up that all the board members should have name signs. Jack will check with Linda and Pat.

Announcements: Work shop at the Besse Hall May 21, 2018 7pm. Next Planning and Zoning Meeting is June 4, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn was made by Ann LaBumbard, seconded by Ray Hughes. Approved by all. Adjourned at 8:20pm.