

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 2, 2018 MINUTES

The July 2, 2018 meeting for the Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning Commission was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack Penegor.

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

Motion to approve the June 4th minutes was made by Barry King, seconded by Cliff Barron and approved by all.

There was no public participation.

Approval of the agenda: under new business add wider shoulders. Explanation in a letter from Jody Norman. Was added. A motion from Barry King was made to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Cliff Barron, approved by all.

Zoning Administrator's report: Zoning Permits: Mike Nolde

Blight Report: Rick LaBumbard 9033 0.5 Lane Gladstone. Ron Larson has lived in his home since 1987. He has a sand point well and is worried about the lead contamination that may be happening in the Rick LaBumbard property. There are a lot of tube type TVs on that property. If the tubes break, they contain lead. No one wants that in their water. Mr. Larson has sent out a sample of his water to be tested for lead. Just waiting for the results. Mr. Larson has also been in touch with the DEQ about this problem. Mary Ann Nary-St Antoine is his contact. She is located in Marquette. Phone Number is 989-370-8035. Miss St Antoine informed Mr. Larson to start with the Zoning and Planning Commission with this complaint. Mr. Larson contacted Al. Gareau with this complaint. Pictures were also presented. Someone said they thought Mr. R. LaBumbard lost the property. This is easy to find out. Just have to call the court house and check. Jack Penegor will do this. Miss St Antoine also informed Mr. Larson there is grant money from the EPA for cleanup. Mr. Art Ybarra was also present and lives across from Mr. R. LaBumbard's property. He is also concerned with the TVs. He would also like to see it cleaned up. After listening to the Mr. & Mrs. Larson and Mr. Ybarra Cliff Barron made a motion to turn this over to the Township Board. This motion was seconded by Norm Fleury and approved by all the commission members.

Board Meeting update: Water problems were discussed. Looking to get a committee to help with grants for this problem, and the setting aside moneys for matching grants. Barry King is now the head of the zoning and planning variance committee.

New Business: Rick LaBumbard Property. Was discussed in the Blight Report.

Wider Shoulders for J Road. In a letter from Jody Norman. He explained the costs of adding the wider shoulders at this point. It would be an additional cost of \$300,000.00 as the culverts would have to be lengthened, all the driveways realigned, plus an additional 18,000 yards of material would have to be put in place to widen the shoulder, realign the flow line of the ditches, then gravel and additional blacktop. You can see the attached letter from Mr. Norman. If the township would like to blacktop the shoulders they could give them another 1.5 feet this way, but this not a legal bike path. The cost would be around \$35,000. Ann LaBumbard made a motion to bring this to the township board, to pave the 1.5 feet of shoulder for the additional cost of \$35,000. Seconded by Norm. Fleury. Approved by all the committee.

Old Business: Bichler Gravel: Cory Payborne said Mr. Bryak let them know about the berm and trees. They have addressed it. They are looking into what can be done for more dust control.

Announcements: Next Meeting is August 6 2018 at 7:30pm.

Public Comment: Robert Barron

Adjourn Cliff Barron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ray Hughes. Approval by all. Adjourned at 8:30pm.