

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

September 6, 2018

The September 6, 2018 Escanaba Township Zoning and Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Jack Penegor. The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Mr. Penegor.

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

Cliff Barron made a motion to except the minutes for August 6th, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Ray Hughes, approved by all.

Public Participation: there wasn't any.

Approval of the Agenda: Add Pouliot to the new business. Motion to except the Agenda was made by Ann LaBumbard. Seconded by Cliff Barron and approved by all.

Zoning administrator's report: Zoning Permits were issued to Dale Johnson and William Martinson.

Blight Report: need to send letters to the people who made the blight complaint against Larry King. This was dropped as 250 feet back is RP and the pictures were not taken from the road but on Mr. King's property which is not legal as you would be trespassing on his property.

Board meeting update: Ray will check to see if Rene Lippens was removed from the zoning and planning commission. Ken Burnette is looking for a replacement. Beauchamp blight complaint is going before the Board on Monday September 10.

New Business: Andrew Makee with Orion Renewables had a question and answer session about Solar farming. It was a very good session with a lot of questions asked and answered. There were concerns on setbacks, sight lines health, safety, and welfare. Cheboygan Township is working on an ordinance for solar farms right now. We have a copy of Clinton country ordinance which we will go through at the October 15 workshop at Besse Fire Hall.

Pouloit property: Jack Penegor did an overlay of the property. As he looked at it said he figured R1 not R3. This was discussed and the commissioners looked at the Large Map of the township when this was brought to them, at that time everyone agreed it was R3. One of the administrators went out there and also agreed it was R3. Cliff Barron made a motion to stand by the decision which was made in the first place. This is R3 zoning.

Old Business: Solar Farm. We will work on an ordinance at the October Workshop.

Announcements: Workshop for the Master Plan. Next meeting October 1, 2018.

Public comment: Tom Barron

Cliff Barron made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ray Hughes, approved by all. Adjourned at 9:05 pm.