

**PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
January 5, 2021**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by the Chairman: J. Bidwell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Members present: J. Bidwell, B. Fay, R. Kurkechian, S. Lang, D. Matuszak, C. Smith, C. Winters

**Guests:** 1

**Approval of Agenda:** B. Fay moved to approve agenda as prepared. D. Matuszak seconded. Roll call; All ayes; agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** C. Winters motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. R. Kurkechian seconded the motion. All ayes; motion approved.

**Comments from Audience:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports**

- **TWP Board (S. Lang):** S. Lang indicated we completed the Audit Review with Christy Schulze of Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC. The Board of Trustees voted to pay the \$5,000. To T. Maylone of Cherry Capital Communications to complete the MEDC grant. Paychex was also removed as the contractor to produce the Township payroll, as the General Ledger was not correct. Hired Kendra LaHaie from the Some CPA firm to be responsible for the payroll, effective January 1, 2021.
- **Zoning Administrator (S. Lang):** S. Lang gave a brief synopsis indicating the month of December was slow, he has been working on the Article #4, District Regulations Ordinance and reported the short-term rental ordinance will be a stand-alone ordinance. Also looking at a fireworks ordinance and using the Alpena City Fireworks Ordinance as an example.
- **Planning Commission (R. Kurkechian):** R. Kurkechian gave a brief synopsis that the Planning Commission will call a special meeting to complete the Article 4, District Regulations Ordinance. Color-coded maps for the PC members are necessary. Also discussed short-term rentals and potential outbuildings and second floor lodging. D. Matuszak questioned the size and use of “pump houses” and “school bus shelters” in the front yard of residences. Should define what is a pump house, size and square footage, etc.

**New Business:**

- Election of Officers:
- Chairperson, J. Bidwell. B. Fay motioned to approve J. Bidwell as Chairperson for the ZBA Committee. C. Winters seconded the motion. All ayes; motion approved.
- Vice Chairperson: C. Winters. B. Faye motioned to approve C. Winters as Vice Chairperson. D. Matuszak seconded the motion. All ayes; motion approved.

- Secretary: C. Winters motioned to approve B. Fay for Secretary and C. Smith seconded the motion. All ayes; motion approved.

J. Bidwell led the discussion of the seven (7) public hearing outcomes for 2020 and how they could have been improved in any way. Practical difficulties must be proved for a possible variance. It is very difficult to deny an owner what he wants to do with his property. The ZBA Committee works with property owners to create ideas to conform to our zoning ordinances. Discussed it is a good idea for residents to mark their proposed building site when ZBA members visit.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Meeting Reminder:** The ZBA will meet again on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the regular scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant

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