



Presque Isle Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 4, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, T. Guyer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: In attendance were: T. Guyer, T. Ludwig, R.Kurkechian, L.Larkin, C. Paavola, Howard Welsh

Audience Present: 2 guests.

Agenda Approval: L.Larkin motioned to approve the agenda. C. Paavola seconded. All ayes; agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes (November 2, 2020) C. Paavola moved to approve minutes as written. T. Ludwig seconded. All ayes; minutes approved.

Comments from the audience members were invited. N/A

Discussion of Review Article 4, District Regulations: T. Guyer said Denise Cline shared some tips to go faster through the District Regulations such as go through every one ahead of time, collapse sections (retail sales), she will email how to collapse industrial and commercial sections. Goal is to get ordinances tighter to avoid any legal action in the future.. It makes sense to have a special meeting to complete Article 4. T. Guyer will schedule a special meeting with Denise on ZOOM.

Correspondence: T. Ludwig received correspondence from a resident on Shubert Hwy, that lights across the lake from him are too bright. S. Lang looked at the property at night and it looked OK to him and T. Ludwig didn't think it was too bright.

Reports:

Township Board of Trustees(C. Paavola) Reports submitted. C. Paavola submitted two township meeting reports. One from December 14, 2020 and the other from November 9, 2020. (Please see attached reports.

ZBA Liaison (R. Kurkechian). No meeting; no report.

Zoning Administrator: (S. Lang) S. Lang gave a brief synopsis of activity indicating it was a little slower in December but has been working on a rezoning request for February, 2021. Public Hearing is necessary and residents within 300' of property will be notified.

New Business:

- Commercial Event Facilities – postponed until February 1, 2021 meeting.
- Short-term Rentals: A committee was formed to address short-term rentals and to draft an ordinance. Committee members were: M. Bedard, T. Guyer, S. Lang, L. Larkin and S. Potts. The committee voted to regulate short-term rentals rather than banning them outright. They used the NEMCOG suggested short-term rental ordinance and input their own ideas and new language. The short-term rental ordinance was presented at the meeting.
S. Potts described the rental nuisances she experiences at her home such as too many people in the cabin, noise, dogs barking, children crying, garbage, fireworks, tying boats to trees and near misses when boat gets loose, etc.
T. Guyer indicated there are other complaints about short-term rentals within the Township which makes the ordinance necessary. A lengthy discussion was held regarding enforcement and what penalties/fines would occur. C. Paavola motioned to recommend passage of the draft ordinance as a Stand Alone Ordinance and not a Zoning Ordinance. L. Larkin seconded the motion. Roll call vote; five ayes; one nay. Motion approved. Public Hearing for Short-term rentals is necessary.
- Fireworks Ordinance: The PITWP Fire Board and E. Grand Lake Fire Department to review the current fireworks ordinance and bring their recommendations to the Board of Trustees on January 11, 2021. Additional prohibitions are expected.

T. Guyer requested the Planning Commission to review the current Planning Commission Bylaws for a meeting with Denise Cline of NEMCOG. Indicate to T. Guyer what day and time is good.

Distribution of the current big zoning maps is necessary to complete review of Article 4 of the zoning ordinance and commission members may pick up their map at the Township Hall.

Unfinished Business: None

Adjournment: Tom Guyer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Meeting Reminder: The Planning Commission will meet again on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant