



Presque Isle Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2021

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

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

Audience Present: 3 guests.

Agenda Approval: T. Guyer indicated he is adding Short-Term Rental Ordinance to the agenda. L. Larkin motioned to approve the agenda. C. Paavola seconded. All ayes; agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes (February 1, 2021) C. Paavola moved to approve minutes as written. H. Walsh seconded. All ayes; minutes approved.

Correspondence: T. Guyer received an e-mail from David & Annette Henze voicing their concern about the oversized nature of the Dege pole barn. This issue was addressed at the February 1, 2021 meeting. The Dege pole barn was not passed. The letter is moot.

Reports:

Township Board of Trustees (C. Paavola) Report submitted. C. Paavola gave a brief synopsis of February activities of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approved the rezoning of 18037 Dump Lake Road from R-1 to C-1 and indicated the agreement between Presque Isle Township and the Presque Isle Museum Society has been signed effective February 8, 2021. (Please see attached report).

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

Zoning Administrator: (S. Lang) S. Lang gave a brief synopsis of February activity indicating he has been working on a ZBA Public Hearing for March 2, 2021 for a resident on White Ash Street. Tom Sobeck, President & CEO, from PIE & G will be attending the March 8, 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting to discuss fiber optic lines for internet service in Presque Isle Township. S. Lang also mentioned Tim Maylone isn't doing more work in Presque Isle Twp. He received a \$5,000,000. Grant from the State of Michigan and is putting in internet connection in Cheboygan. R. Kurkechian stated Cherry Capital is continuing wireless service to the PIHA clubhouse. T. Guyer stated Cherry Capital is providing wireless service to the PIHA clubhouse and LaFarge, but not to any residence.

New Business: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Short Term Rentals: D. Cline's correspondence mentioned short-term rentals have been stalled in other townships. T. Guyer responded the Short-Term Rental Ordinance will not be sent to the Board of Trustees until Presque Isle Township's attorney, T. Gulden, reviews and sends his remarks to the Planning Commission.

Fireworks Ordinance: The question remains on the Fireworks Ordinance – who will enforce it? The Fire Department doesn't want to enforce and the State no longer regulates fireworks. T. Guyer questioned if S. Lang, Zoning Administrator, could enforce? S. Lang said he would, but if he runs into trouble would have to contact the Sheriff's Department and the violation would be \$1,000. If fireworks are within the state limits of Class C fireworks and set off on the specified holidays – should be OK. After much discussion, the commission concurred the Fireworks Ordinance is a good thing and much better controlled than nothing. H. Welsh motioned to approve the Fireworks Ordinance. T. Ludwig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All ayes; motion approved.

A Public Hearing Notice will be sent 15 days prior to the April 5, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting on both the Fireworks Ordinance and Facilities Event Ordinance. Comments will be heard at the public hearing on April 5, 2021.

Comments from the Audience: (three minute limit) An audience member commented she only sees photos on the new website and no information. She will be instructed how to view the Presque Isle Township's new website.

Adjournment: Tom Guyer adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting Reminder: The Planning Commission will meet again on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bev Huard, Administrative Assistant