

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by chairperson Larry Shaffer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Shaffer, Lou Lundquist, Nancy Griswold, Jenny Irwin, Phil Bontrager, Jeff Cuthbertson (via zoom), and Christine Lundquist (via zoom).

Julia Cogger from CUPPAD was also present via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Jeff with support by Nancy.

LETTER RECEIVED RELATED TO PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ON COAST GUARD POINT: Larry read a letter addressed to him as chair of the committee related to proposed construction of a 9000 sq ft home on the coast guard point. Neighbors of the property are concerned about the size and intended use. Calvin McShane indicated that the application was within the requirements of the current township ordinance. Both Alger County and the LMAS Health Department still have to review and improve any plans. Multiple audience members commented on their concerns. Commission members indicated that size and scale issues will be considered when working on the Master Plan, but at this time the Commission is not able to take action. It was indicated that final building plans have not yet been reviewed. Larry indicated that this item will be included in upcoming agendas in case additional data is obtained that causes concern.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FROM Christine Julian and David Chrysler: Larry indicated that additional information was requested from the applicants. Larry, Lou, and Sherri Schafer did a site tour of the property last week. Some concerns have been received from neighboring property owners. The Commission will hold a meeting at the site on October 18. This will be posted so interested parties may also attend.

SURVEY FOR MASTER PLAN: Larry reviewed the draft questions provided by Julia Cogger from CUPPAD. The Commission discussed the possibility of adding additional questions related to employment. Phil asked if we could add opportunities for comments. Julia indicated that might work best at the end of the survey. Jeff suggested more detailed questions about Township services. He suggested we might consider a table on services and land use similar to an example from Forestville. Commission members liked that idea and Julia will work it into the next draft. Christine suggested that if this is a long term plan, we should also consider questions related to putting in a community sewage system. Phil suggested that these questions should be drafted in a way to get an idea what individuals would be willing to pay for the service. Julia suggested that we consider adding a question similar to that in the Forestville survey regarding what people would like to see by 2050. The Commission discussed adding questions related to ORV routes, noise and dust. Short-term rental///Air B&B issues may also need to

be addressed. Lou indicated the Township Board may already be considering some actions related to this issue.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm on a motion by Lou, support by Nancy.