

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - JULY 27, 2023
6:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Larry Shaffer at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Shaffer, Phil Bontrager, Lou Lundquist, Jenny Irvine, Walt Mixon, & Christine Lundquist.

AGENDA: It was noted that “approve minutes” should be removed from the agenda as that was done at the 1:00 pm meeting. Motion by Jenny with support by Walt to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Barney asked what happened with the proposed development of the “North Shore” property on the Coast Guard Point. Larry explained that the developer, Paul Brady, called and indicated he was withdrawing from the project.

ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION CONTINUATION: Pat Coleman reviewed the new proposed layout for the zoning ordinance. He explained that existing uses of property are grandfathered in when zoning changes are made. Audience members asked Pat about ST rental issues. Pat talked about extensive efforts in Eagle Harbor Township to handle ST rental issues. Some of the items discussed included:

- Required rental inspections
- Limiting the number of ST rental units per owner (e.g. Maximum of two units)
- Set a maximum number of allowed ST rental units as a percentage of dwellings.
- ST rentals are not transferable between owners or properties.
- A local contact must be available to respond within 60 minutes.

Pat indicated that with Eagle Harbor’s approval, he will send Larry a copy of their plans for the Planning Commission and Township Board to review and consider.

Lou mentioned the need for transient merchant (e.g. food trucks) regulations. Pat noted that Houghton allows them on commercially zoned private property and with a permit on other properties.

The Township Supervisor indicated that we need to require that snowmobile trailers be stored off the streets and/or in designated areas.

OTHER: There was no other business brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no additional public comment.

Larry Thanked Pat for traveling here to assist us. The Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 pm. It will primarily revolve around zoning unless something unexpected comes up. An additional meeting may be scheduled for August 31st. It was suggested that all members review the information received from Pat in the immediate future and send any questions to Larry to forward on to Pat.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned on a motion by Christine with support by Jenny.