**Powell Township**

**P.O. Box 319**

**Big Bay, MI. 49808**

**Planning Commission - Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2020**

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**Approved 02.19.2020**

1. **Call to Order:**

Chair Phil Moran called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Township Hall.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. **Roll Call:**

**Members present**:

Moran, (Chair), Hudson, Childers, Korstad, Mohrman.

**Members absent**: Stephenson (Vice Chair)

1. **Approval of Agenda :**

Motion to accept the January, 15th 2020 Agenda. (Childers/Moran) *Discussion as follows*. All in favor motion carried.

* Mohrman state it should be added that Tracey Druckery resigned and the Planning Commission is still looking for another member.
* Hudson stated indoor agriculture should be added under new business.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the December 18th, 2019 minutes.(Moran/Mohrman) All in favor motion carried.

1. **Updates from Zoning Administrator:**

Darlene Turner stated that the Zoning Administrator has received a request for a mail box and fire number for the month.

1. **Unfinished Business:**
2. Jason McCarthy Master Plan:
   * McCarthy handed out draft copies of section 6.0 Community Services to all board members. McCarthy stated that pictures and links are not yet in the draft.
   * Moran stated that front office and HVAC upgrades done at Township hall should be updated in the master plan.
   * Mohrman stated the master plan should state water is metered and the Township has five wells.
   * Childers stated the suicide prevention hotline number should be added under the 911 section.
   * Mohrman stated a co-op is available through Ferrell Gas and should be added.
   * McCarthy asked members to review the issues/opportunities section and provide feedback.
   * Hudson showed McCarthy Senior Services book located in front offices of Township. McCarthy stated he would incorporate information from the book into the aging services portion of the Master Plan.
   * McCarthy stated he will have two chapters for the next meeting including existing land use and recreation. The chapter that will follow these two will be public participation.
   * McCarthy stated that the Parks and Recreation five year plan could be added as an appendix in the Master Plan.
3. Review Surveys : N/A.
4. **New Business:** 
   1. Indoor Agriculture:
      * Hudson asked McCarthy how Indoor Agriculture could be introduced and what the Planning Commission would have to do zoning wise. McCarthy stated goals should be created as well as parameters and updates to zoning to allow for indoor agriculture.
      * McCarthy stated he would do some research with articles and asked Hudson to do the same.
   2. Tracey Druckrey resigned. The Planning Commission is looking for another member.
5. **Call to the Public: time for Citizens to be Heard-** N/A.
6. **Board Discussion:** 
   1. Hudson stated that Planning Commission budget is due to the board.
   2. Hudson stated a 10% increase to printing for maps and the master plan should be added.
   3. Hudson stated professional services should also be increased by 15-20% with the addition of a recording secretary and a new future board member.

**Next Meeting:**

February 19th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Powell Township Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:07p.m. by supervisor Moran.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Fraley

Recording Secretary