**Powell Township**

**P.O. Box 319**

**Big Bay, MI. 49808**

**Planning Commission - Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 19th, 2020**

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**Approved 05.20.2020**

1. **Call to Order:**

Chair Phil Moran called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Township Hall.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. **Roll Call:**

**Members present**:

Moran, (Chair),Hudson, Stephenson (Vice Chair), Korstad, Mohrman.

**Members absent**: Childers

1. **Approval of Agenda :**

Motion to accept the February 19th, 2020 Agenda. (Mohrman/Stephenson) *Discussion as follows*. All in favor motion carried.

* Hudson stated she would like to add the Marquette Township Association Banquet at Bay Cliff in May to Board Discussion.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the January15th, 2020 minutes.(Hudson/Korstad) All in favor motion carried.

1. **Updates from Zoning Administrator:**

Darlene Turner stated that the Zoning Administrator has received a request for a variance but has not y et returned the paperwork or money.

1. **Unfinished Business:**
2. Jason McCarthy Master Plan:
   * McCarthy handed out draft copies of section 7.0 Recreation and Culture to all board members.
   * McCarthy asked the board members to review the section for the next meeting so he can make sure everything is as up to date as possible.
   * McCarthy stated no graphics or links have been inserted yet but they will be.
   * McCarthy stated it is likely that development will take place on an additional parking lot at Sugar Loaf Mountain and the current parking lot will be expanded. McCarthy stated if this happens he will add this to the Master Plan.
   * Stephenson stated that Alder Falls are privately owned and the owner does not want the falls on maps or advertised for liability purposes. McCarthy stated he will adjust this in the Master Plan.
   * Korstad stated he would send links to McCarthy regarding bird information for Powell Township from the Audubon website.
   * McCarthy stated he would have Public Participation and Future Land Use for next month’s meeting.
   * McCarthy stated he has some pictures he captured from the Fishing Derby at Lake Independence and Honey Bear Ski events that he will share for the Master Plan.
   * Korstad stated he would send some edits to the historical section to McCarthy.
3. **New Business:** 
   1. T-shirts
      * Parks and Recreation has T-shirts that say Big Bay, MI on the front and have Powell Township’s Logo on the back that are for sale in the Township Offices.
4. **Call to the Public: time for Citizens to be Heard-** 
   1. G. Champange gave Chair Moran a flash drive with YouTube videos about wind energy for review. Champange stated he wants the Township to be as protected as they can be.
   2. G. Champange stated Jen Hill will be doing a presentation about propane at the Township Hall on March 4th, 2020 at 6:30pm.
5. **Board Discussion:** 
   1. Hudson stated that there will be classes offerd by Brad Newman at the Marquette Service Center on April 22nd, and 29th of 2020 as well as May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of 2020 from 6pm-9pm to become certified as a planner. The cost is $275.
   2. Hudson stated that the Powell Township is hosting this years Marquette Township Associations Banquet at Bay Cliff on May 6th. Hudson stated any Powell Township Board or Department members can attend free of charge and any guests will be $20.00.

**Next Meeting:**

March 18th, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Powell Township Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:31p.m. (Mohrman/Moran) All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Fraley

Recording Secretary