**Powell Township**

**101 Bensinger Street**

**Big Bay, MI. 49808**

**Planning Commission - Regular Meeting Minutes**

**May 20th, 2020**

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**Approved 06.17.2020**

1. **Call to Order:**

Chair Phil Moran called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Township Hall.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. **Roll Call:**

**Members present**:

Moran (Chair), Childers, Hudson, Stephenson (Vice Chair), Korstad, Williams, Mohrman

1. **Approval of Agenda :**

Motion to accept the May 20th, 2020 Agenda. (Hudson/Korstad) All in favor motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the February 19th, 2020 minutes.(Hudson/Korstad) *Discussion as follows.* All in favor motion carried.

* Childers stated the date needed to be fixed. Childers retracted her statement.

1. **Updates from Zoning Administrator:**

No updates from the zoning department.

1. **Unfinished Business:**
2. Jason McCarthy Master Plan:

* McCarthy stated he has put some new formatting in the plan.
* McCarthy stated Marquette Counties senior planner Thera Karlstrom now owns property on Lake Independence and McCarthy has been discussing the master plan with her.
* McCarthy stated the harbor in Big Bay owned by Marquette County is planning on some updates which he will include in the master plan.
* McCarthy stated he is hopeful to meet in person in June in which land use will be the next section to discuss.
* Mohrman stated she has some questions she will email McCarthy about regarding contradicting tables. Some tables give different values than what is written in the paragraph body of the plan.
* McCarthy stated he will look into this and make sure everything is cleaned up.
* Hudson asked if something should be added to the plan about Township wide broad band.
* McCarthy stated yes, he will make sure this topic is in plan if it is not already.
* Mohrman stated internet is not discussed in the plan only telephone.
* Hudson stated that Northern Michigan University will potentionally be putting up another tower to spread internet further into the Half Way Village if enough people are interested and fill out the form at [www.nmu.edu/ean](http://www.nmu.edu/ean).
* McCarthy asked if the Northern Michigan University EAN link should be put into the master plan. Hudson stated, yes.
* Mohrman stated good internet would attract more people to the area, especially if they work from home.
* McCarthy stated he did get some great photographs for the master plan.
* Williams stated he will email McCarthy about some questions he has.

1. **New Business:** 
   1. Motion to approve Karl Williams as a new member of the Planning Commission. (Mohrman/Moran) All in favor, motion passed.
2. **Call to the Public: time for Citizens to be Heard- none.**
3. **Board Discussion:** 
   1. Mohrman stated the Planning Commission needs to be getting updates about zoning permits, even if no one will be attending the meeting from the zoning department.
   2. Leah Fraley stated she would email the zoning department and request that an email be sent with any new zoning permits to the Planning Commission before their meeting if someone is not able to attend the meeting.
   3. Hudson stated there is a food bank that has been set up at the Township Offices. Call Kim Bourgeois- Powell Township Emergency Manager if in need.
   4. Moran asked if the next meeting on June 17th, 2020 would be held in person or virtually.
   5. Leah Fraley stated she would reach out to members closer to the meeting date to determine what the Commission feels is best at that time.

**Next Meeting:**

June 17th, 2020 at 6:30 pm- location to be determined.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:26p.m. (Childers/Korstad) All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Fraley

Recording Secretary