**Powell Township**

**101 Bensinger Street**

**Big Bay, MI. 49808**

**Planning Commission - Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 17th, 2020**

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**Approved 07.15.20**

1. **Call to Order:**

Chair Phil Moran called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, Williams

**Members absent:**

Stephenson (Vice Chair), Mohrman, Korstad

1. **Approval of Agenda :**

Motion to accept the June 17th, 2020 Agenda. (Hudson/Moran) All in favor motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 20th, 2020 minutes. (Childers/Moran) All in favor motion carried.

1. **Updates from Zoning Administrator:**

Supervisor Turner sent out an email with permit updates to the Planning Commission members.

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

* Moran stated McCarthy was not able to attend the meeting but sent out chapter 8- land use.
* Childers asked how many chapters there would be total. Moran stated he believes 10 and that McCarthy should have the last two chapters done by August or September. At this point the Commission will work with McCarthy on the zoning book.
* Hudson asked about the Granot Loma property being listed with 3,000 and then 5,200 acres. Hudson asked if the property was split up into farm and other land?
* Williams stated the master plan states “exceeds 3,000 acres” and then says later on a total of 5,200 acres.
* Williams asked how this plan fits into the future? It seams like a lot of information not a plan.
* Hudson stated chapter 8 is a lot of history but that the survey results will be incorporated for the plan.
* Hudson stated there is a section that states “two Township parks have been identified” Hudson stated the parks should be listed as Draver Park and Burns Landing so readers know the name and can find the parks.
* Williams asked about the well project and why another well is being put in.
* Hudson stated for future use if water is needed at homes around the lake.
* Childers asked if the Commission will be receiving results back soon from the Township departments regarding their requests, or if McCarthy has already received them.
* Hudson stated McCarthy as the consultant should check in with the Departments if he has not received their requests.
* Hudson stated the Departments are aware that they Commission is looking for their requests as the board asked for them.
* Hudson asked if McCarthy would be sending another chapter before the next meeting? Hudson stated she would like to receive the chapters more in advance before the meeting.
* Moran stated he believes another chapter will be sent out before the July meeting.
* Williams stated in McCarthy’s email he was planning to review chapter 8 in July.
* Hudson stated Northern Michigan University has a new indoor agriculture program, and thinks the Commission should look at indoor agriculture in the Township.

1. **New Business:** 
   1. Childers asked if there have been any complaints about blight. Moran stated that would be something to ask Supervisor Turner.
2. **Call to the Public: time for Citizens to be Heard- none.**
3. **Board Discussion:** 
   1. Hudson stated the Commission should talk about building on TP-40.
   2. Moran stated this will come up when the members discuss zoning.

**Next Meeting:**

July 15th, 2020 at the Township Hall and Virtually with call in information on Powell Township website.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:59p.m. (Childers/Moran ) All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Fraley

Recording Secretary