**Powell Township**

**101 Bensinger Street**

**Big Bay, MI 49808**

**Planning Commission – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2021**

**Draft**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair, Phil Moran, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Moran (Chair) at the Hall, Childers at the Hall, Hudson virtually, Mohrman at the Hall, Williams at the Hall.

**Members Absent:** Stephenson (Vice-Chair) and Korstad

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to accept the July 21, 2021 Agenda (Childers/Moran). All in favor motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to accept the June 16, 2021 Minutes (Williams/Mohrman). All in favor motion carried.

**6. Call to the Public: Time for Citizens to be Heard:**

Supervisor Turner reserved her comment until discussion concerning the Master Plan commenced. No additional public comment was heard.

**7. Updates from the Zoning Administrator**

Permits were issued to: (a) Jim Olesnavage on July 10, 2021 for the construction of a storage building; and (b) Dean Schaefer and Bridget Koscieiny on July 17, 2021 for the construction of an awning.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Jason McCarthy Master Plan**

i. Board members and Supervisor Turner reviewed the terms of the contract dated July 8, 2018 with Northwoods Planning & Zoning Services, LLC, (Jason McCarthy) to provide professional services in connection with the revision/update of the Township Master Plan, to ascertain the extent to which McCarthy has completed his contractual obligations. Supervisor Turner will reach out to McCarthy to discuss final payment.

ii. Board members reviewed the final draft of the proposed Master Plan to ensure that all requested changes and revisions had been incorporated therein. Motion to accept the revised Master Plan, subject to the inclusion of the 2020 census data when it is available (Mohrman/Williams). All in favor. Motion carried.

iii. Board members discussed the adoption process. Motion to set the date of the public hearing for Wednesday, October 20, 2021, in conjunction with the regular October Planning Commission meeting (Williams/Moran). All in favor. Motion carried.

iv. Board discussion followed concerning the content of the public notice of hearing. Board members will identify any topics that need to be included, in addition to the adoption of the Master Plan, at the August 18, 2021 meeting.

**b. Adoption of Future Land Use Ordinances**

Board discussion followed concerning the need to identify, draft and adopt Township ordinances necessitated by the legalization of recreational marijuana. Motion to contact Jason McCarthy to advise the board relative to this topic (Childers/Mohrman). All in favor. Motion carried.

**9. New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**10. Board Discussion**

a. Supervisor Turner advised members that the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve did a presentation for the Township Board requesting that setbacks along the river be increased. Supervisor Turner anticipates that the spokesman will contact the planning commission to move the ball forward.

b. Longstanding member, Doris Childers, announced her resignation from the Planning Commission, effective upon adjournment. Supervisor Turner will advertise for her replacement.

**11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Township Hall and/or virtually as conditions may dictate.

**12. Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. (Childers/Williams). All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Hall, Recording Secretary