

Powell Township
101 Bensinger Street
Big Bay, MI 49808
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021
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Approved 05/19/2021

- 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, Mohrman, at the Hall, Hudson at the Hall, Childers, at the Hall
Members Absent:
Stephenson (Vice Chair), Korstad, Williams
- 4. Approval of Agenda:**
Motion to accept the April 21, 2021 Agenda (Childers/Moran). All in favor motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**
Motion to accept the March 17, 2021 Minutes (Mohrman/Hudson). All in favor motion carried.
- 6. Call to the Public: Time for Citizens to be Heard:**
 - a. Moran read the content of an email received from Barb Scholtz opposing the proposed spaceport. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit "A".
 - b. Moran read the content of an email received from Patricia Dettmann Vacilek opposing the proposed spaceport. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit "B".

- c. Moran read the content of an email received from Lanni Lantto and Dustin Katona opposing the proposed spaceport. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit “C”.
- d. Moran read the content of an email received from Gene Champagne opposing the merger of Lakeshore and River (LS/R) and Lakeshore and River 2 (LS/R2) into a single Waterfront district which could allow future compatible commercial development. Champagne is also opposed to making any provision for, or reference to, the proposed spaceport in the Master Plan. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit “D”.

7. Updates from the Zoning Administrator

One (1) permit was issued to Tadd Heft on April 6, 2021 relative to a residence. On April 8, 2021 Adam Jones applied for eight (8) permits relative to a sauna, storage building, shop and five (5) greenhouses. Concern was expressed that the Jones application package sounded commercial.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Jason McCarthy Master Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM)**
Commission members were notified that Jason McCarthy would not be present to submit the final draft of the Master Plan as a virus had infected the platform containing his work.
- b. **Adoption of Future Land Use Ordinances**
Board discussion was undertaken regarding the existence and adequacy of ordinances addressing the production and distribution of marijuana. The discussion was tabled until Jason McCarthy could be consulted for guidance.

9. New Business:

- a. **16 Nonconforming Parcels.**
Board discussion followed concerning the zoning history of the sixteen (16) nonconforming parcels previously identified by

Mohrman. Mohrman indicated that she would meet with the tax assessor to ascertain the current zoning status of the parcels. It was suggested that the Zoning Administrator be invited to attend a Commission meeting to discuss zoning procedure and devise a solution relative to these and any future nonconforming parcels. It was noted that modification of the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) was not necessary as the FLUM does not distinguish between one (1) and five (5) acre parcels but rather reflects them all generally as rural residential.

10. Board Discussion

During the Call to the Public, Commission members discussed whether it was appropriate to include a narrative concerning the proposed spaceport in the Master Plan. The discussion was tabled until Jason McCarthy was available to provide input.

11. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the Township Hall and/or virtually as conditions may dictate.

12. Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. (Childers/Mohrman). All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Hall, Recording Secretary