

**Powell Township**  
**101 Bensinger Street**  
**Big Bay, MI 49808**  
**Planning Commission – Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 16, 2021**  
**Draft**  
Approved 07/21/2021

- 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, Stephenson (Vice Chair) at the Hall, Hudson virtually, Mohrman at the Hall, Williams at the Hall.  
**Members Absent:** Childers and Korstad
- 4. Approval of Agenda:**  
Motion to accept the June 16, 2021 Agenda (Moran/Hudson). All in favor motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion to accept the May 19, 2021 Minutes (Mohrman/Williams). 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 Laura and Andy Richards opposing the proposed spaceport. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit “A”.
  - b. Moran read the content of an email received from Sarah Manfroni opposing the proposed spaceport. A copy of that correspondence is attached as Exhibit “B”.

## **7. Updates from the Zoning Administrator**

- a. One (1) permit was issued to Robert Thompson on June 8, 2021 for the construction of a storage building.
- b. The Zoning Administrator provided a list of proposed amendments to the zoning map. Board discussion followed regarding the proper procedure to consider and implement those changes.

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

### **a. Jason McCarthy Master Plan**

Board members reviewed the proposed Master Plan to identify specific passages that needed revision for clarification purposes or to correct inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies. Mohrman will deliver a highlighted copy of the Master Plan to McCarthy so that the revisions can be incorporated into a final draft. The Board will vote on adoption of the proposed Master Plan after the final draft is received, subject to the inclusion of the 2020 census data.

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

There was no discussion relative to this topic.

### **c. Zoning Administrators Proposed Revisions**

- i. Art. II, Sec. 202(63) of the Zoning Ordinance of Powell Township currently defines an Environmental Protection Strip as a “100 to 300 ft. strip of land...” Motion to strike “to 300” from the above identified definition (Mohrman/Williams). All in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. Art. IV, Sec. 401(P) of the Zoning Ordinance of Powell Township currently restricts zoning in a Wellhead Protection Area to “Residential, Rural Residential, and Timber Protection Districts...” Motion to add “Town Development” to the list of permitted zoning (Moran/Stephenson). All in favor. Motion carried.

**9. New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**10. Board Discussion**

No additional board discussion was undertaken.

**11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at the Township Hall and/or virtually as conditions may dictate.

**12. Adjournment:**

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. (Moran/Mohrman). All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Hall, Recording Secretary