

**Powell Township**  
**101 Bensinger Street**  
**Big Bay, MI 49808**  
**Planning Commission - Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18th, 2022**  
**Draft**  
**Approved 6/20/2022**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair, Moran, called the meeting to order 7:00pm at Town Hall.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Moran (Chair), Hall, Korstad, Stanley, Hudson, Williams (Vice Chair), Mohrman

**Members Absent:** None

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the Agenda (Williams/Korstad) All in favor, motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to accept the April 20, 2022 Minutes (Mohrman/Korstad) All in favor, motion carried.

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

a. Christy Budnick, Bushy Creek Truck Trail

- I. Looking to purchase property between Alger Creek Truck Trail and 550, seeks legal access through Powell Township Property. Planning Commission liaison D. Turner informs Budnick she will need to

work through Powell Township Board for legal easement.

- II. Inquires about zoning changes of said property in order to build a small year-round or seasonal homestead

- b. Phil Bakken, Lighthouse Road

Imploring the Planning Commission to research Spaceport Proposal in preparation for further development of project. Encourages Commission to engage in information provided by Spaceport Research Committee online at: [powelltownship.org](http://powelltownship.org)

- c. Spaceport Letters of Opposition received (*See Attachments*)

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

Three (3) permits were issued since the last update: (2) Kevin Dewitt on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for deconstruction of a shed; (1) Nancy Larson on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for demolition (*See Attachment*)

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Conditional Use Permit for Construction and Storage Building: Planning Commission received a reply from the Health Department (*See Attachment*) stating in order for a Commercial Operation to happen on the Property in Question, Proceedings must continue through Department of Environmental Quality. Motion to table decision on permit until Planning Commission receives word from EGLE that permits have been issued through their department (Williams/Hall) All in favor, motion carried
- b. Review Permit Process and Fees: Review pending information supplied by Clerk Walker.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Review Sign Ordinance regarding received email (See *Attachment*)
- b. Review Michigamme Township Marijuana/Marihuana Ordinances per request of Powell Township Board who passed a motion that Planning Commission would review and determine possible growing locations. Discussion will be held 10am June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Town Hall

**10. Board Discussion**

- a. Welcomed new Recording Secretary, Erica Waite
- b. Powell Township Board adopted Master Plan

**11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday July 20, 2022 7:00pm at Township Hall

**12. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm (Hall/Williams). All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes Prepared by  
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Planning Commission Recording Secretary

Final Approval by  
Phil Moran  
Planning Commission Chair