

Powell Township Planning Commission Meeting
PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808
September 20, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm by Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Members – Phil Moran (Chair), present; Denise Hudson (Vice Chair), present; Laura Mohrman (Secretary), present; Diane Hall, present; Nick Korstad, present; Kim Tull, absent; Nancy Gaines, present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda with the addition of definition of a tiny home in unfinished business (Hall/Mohrman). All in favor, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. **Motion** to approve August 16, 2023, planning commission special meeting minutes as presented (Moran/Hall). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Public Comment –
 - a. Richard Hendrickson, 161 CR 510 – would like to be on the agenda to talk about planning, relying on his expertise of 40 years of real estate experience and historical perspective; would like CR 510 zoning reviewed
 - b. Phil Bakken, lighthouse road – has submitted a petition asking for an ordinance change regarding a spaceport, will be going forward with the petition requesting a hearing on October 24th at 10:00 am
 - c. Dennis Ferraro, 238 eagles nest road – read letter that was submitted
 - d. Charles Demay, 302 Bensinger – has a county road easement to enter property that has been blocked since 2004, the private easement is also blocked, needs to have access to property for tenants and emergency services
 - e. Tom Baldwin, Granot Loma – objects to the petition for an ordinance change regarding the spaceport
 - f. Charles Demay, 302 Bensinger – supports the spaceport
 - g. Karen McDonald, Granot Loma – supports the spaceport
7. Zoning Administrator:
 - a. Report received by the commission
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. **Motion** to advise the township board to return the fee for the Application for zoning amendment (Spaceports) (Hall/Hudson). All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. **Motion** to recommend adoption of the Fences Ordinance to the township board as presented with the following revisions: include corner clearance language as presented and remove reference to obstructs a scenic view (Moran/Mohrman). All in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Motion** to schedule a planning commission workshop meeting to discuss storage containers, non-conforming properties, definition of a tiny home and future land use (Gaines/Mohrman). All in favor, motion carried.
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- a. Darlene Turner, supervisor of Powell Township – decisions made by the board are always made in the best interests of the township and it's residents

10. Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm (Hall/Korstad).

Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting November 15, 2023; 7:00pm

Minutes prepared by:

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Planning Commission Recording Secretary