

**Powell Township Planning Commission
Special Meeting
101 Bensinger Street
Big Bay, MI 49808
July 31, 2024
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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call:**
Members Present:
Phil Moran (Chair), Denise Hudson (Vice Chair) Nancy Gaines, Dianne Hall, Laura Mohrman, Nick Korstad and Kim Tull.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the July 31, 2024 Agenda (Hall/Gaines) All in favor motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the July 17, 2024 Minutes (Mohrman/Moran) All in favor motion carried.
6. **Call to the Public:**
Gene Champagne spoke about the Conditional Use Permit process and his desire that the Commissioners adhere to the Master Plan when considering the merits of UP Propane's application. Champagne noted that Powell Township is well served by five (5) propane companies and that, while a good idea, additional storage would have limited usefulness as a safety reservoir if it is in use.
7. **Updates from the Zoning Administrator:** None
8. **Unfinished Business:** No discussion
9. **New Business:**
 - a. UP Propane's Conditional Use Permit Application. Board discussion followed concerning: (a) the need to adhere to the notice provisions

set forth in Article IX, Section 902(D) and (b) the criteria for evaluating the merits of the pending application set forth in Article IX, Section 904(A)-(I).

Motion to table further board discussion concerning the merits of UP Propane's pending application until notice is given to the Marquette County Road Commissioner, Marquette County Drain Commissioner, Marquette County Health Department and the Powell Township School District in accordance with Section 902(D) said notice to request a response within seven (7) days. (Moran/Hall) Roll-call vote: Tull: AYE, Hudson: AYE, Korstad: NAY, Moran: AYE, Hall: AYE, Mohrman: NAY, Gaines: NAY. Ayes have it, motion carried.

- b. **Motion** to ask the Zoning Administrator to follow-up on, and inform the Planning Commission of, the status of the tiny home on Lake Independence and the progress being made towards, and the timeframe of, expected compliance with the Zoning Administrator's previous correspondence. (Mohrman/Tull) All in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Motion** to schedule a work session on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to further consider UP Propane's pending CUP application. (Mohrman/Morman) All in favor, motion carried.

10. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Hall/Tull) All in favor motion carried.