

Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
May 11, 2021

Minutes

Call to order: Matt Maki called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

Present: Ken Belk, Elgon Ellis, Matthew Maki, Rick Orsborne

Absent: Jo Harris, George Kinsella

Motion to approve agenda

Motion to approve: Ken

Motion seconded: Elgon

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment (3 Minutes per commenter).

Old Business.

New Business

1. Variance request presentation from Charity Bonga and Bruce Haveman

- Ordinance definition p 19

- Process for Request for Variance, Article 16 pp 100-103

- Administration and Enforcement, Section 17.02 p 104 re:Building Permit requirement

Discussion: Charity presented information and a request to approve building a pole barn on property located on Kinsella Road, Raco. As no residence is included, the only issue was whether the proposed pole barn would fit on that property in accordance with existing setback requirements. The proposed structure does fall within the setback guidelines, thus, there was no issue requiring a variance. Charity and Bruce will coordinate with Rick Orsborne to verify measured distances to the structure prior to commencing construction.

2. Zoning Administrator report, activities (Building Permits, variances, blight, other issues). Rick gave a summary of projects that have been approved and now are in motion. He also notified the Planning Zoning Committee of a Blight Ordinance Process used in Munising. That process may be a suitable model for Superior Township to consider. Rick will bring the matter to the Township Board for further consideration.

2. Status of Ordinance Review: Recommended changes, additions, corrections or updates to frame the updated ordinance, with corrections to existing Ordinance have been presented to Township Board and is continuing in the process leading toward approval.

Additional Business

Upon the completion of the Ordinance review, the rationale for twice-monthly meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee is completed. The committee may return to a once-per-month meeting schedule (2nd Tuesday of each month). However, the benefit of meeting additionally once per quarter has merit to devote an entire meeting just to Planning issues and discussion.

Motion (Elgon): To resume once-a-month meetings for regular Planning and Zoning Business, and to retain an additional once-per-quarter (May, August, November, February) on the Monday prior to that quarter's regularly scheduled meeting, effective May 2021.

Motion seconded (Ken)

Motion passed unanimously

Next Scheduled meeting: Tuesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Matthew Maki

Secretary, Acting Chair, Planning and Zoning Committee