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Humboldt Township Planning Commission

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Regular Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Jeffrey Ogea, Dan Etelamaki, Nate Denofre, Joe Wasie

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator; Thomas Prophet, Supervisor; Paul Alto, Treasurer; Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk; Lisa Sarvello, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brooke Routhier – Eagle Mine Representative RE: ZMA 2019-01, Eagle Mine LLC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the July 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written.

Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Marquette County Planning Commission letter regarding Master Plan.

Sarah Etelamaki forwarded an email to Chairman Kippola which included information for the next step in getting the master plan approved which involved releasing the plan for the final hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Humboldt Township Master Plan Update**

CUPPAD consultant, Richard Smith, requested the Planning Commission to proceed with the public hearing.

Motion: To schedule a public hearing for the September 23, 2019 meeting.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Joe Wasie, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

B) **Marquette County Master Plan Update**

Chairman Kippola met with the new Marquette County Planning Department office manager at the courthouse. There is no update on the Marquette County Master Plan. Chairman Kippola will be attending the Champion Township Planning Commission meeting on September 4th, 2019. Commissioners are welcome to join him.

C) **Disaster Preparedness Plan**

No updates

D) Eagle Mine Tour

Hopefully we will have a tour in the near future

E) Republic Township Master Plan

No updates

F) Recreation Projects-2019

The Planning Commission is more than happy to help with the projects. Joe Wasie asked that a copy of the Boundary Survey for the Fish Lake Public Access site be made available for potential consultants.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) ZMA2019-01 Eagle Mine LLC

The Township received the Zoning Map Amendment application from the Eagle Mine LLC regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant addition. Brooke Routhier, representing Eagle Mine, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions. Eagle Mine has two options they could pursue:

- 1) Rezoning the property
- 2) Request a Conditional Use Permit just for the Water Treatment Plant

Matt Johnsen, Eagle Mine, notified Chairman Kippola that Eagle Mine would more than likely pursue the rezoning of the property.

Howard Robare has reviewed the Application for the proposed rezoning, however, the Planning Commission might want to consider adding adjoining lands presently being utilized for industrial purposes.

Brooke Routhier was available to answer any questions. Eagle Mine is requesting the area they have located their Waste Water Treatment Plant along with their additions be rezoned from (R) Residential and (RP-20) Resource Production 20, to (I) Industrial.

Motion: Set up a work session to reconcile the issues of the proposed rezoning as well as clarification and definition of additional properties to be considered for rezoning as well.

Joe Wasie, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

A) Zoning Administrator

No updates

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:40 PM

Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Joe Wasie, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

Joseph O. Wasie, Secretary