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## **Humboldt Township Planning Commission**

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**Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 23, 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

STAFF ABSENT: Lisa Sarvello, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Richard Smith, CUPPAD, Planning Consultant

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion: To approve the August 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written.**

**Since the August 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes need several corrections and/or additions, Chairman Kippola suggested the approval be delayed until the October meeting. No motion required.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **A) Work Session Minutes, September 10, 2019**

**The session was held to discuss the Rezoning Application, ZMA 2019-01, Eagle Mine LLC. In attendance were James Kippola, Chairman, Joe Wasie, Secretary, and Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator. No formal action was taken, however, after significant discussion; there was a consensus to recommend to the full commission that the Humboldt Township Master Plan Revision should be completed prior to hearing the case. This item will be reviewed under Item 9, New Business.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A) Humboldt Township Master Plan Update**

**To be discussed under Item 9, New Business**

#### **B) Marquette County Master Plan Update**

**A meeting is being planned for the six (6) townships comprising the Moose Hills District to discuss mutual items of concern. Further information will be forthcoming from the Marquette County Planning Department Staff.**

#### **C) Eagle Mine Tour: No specific date yet determined.**

#### **D) Republic Township Master Plan: No update at this time**

**E) ZMA 2019-01 Eagle Mine LLC**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding existing and future land uses within the immediate area as well as surrounding areas. It was determined to restrict any rezoning to areas south of Highway U.S. 41, and to proceed with a public hearing at the regular October meeting of the Planning Commission.

- 1) Howard Robare will prepare the necessary maps(s), showing the areas proposed for rezoning consideration.

**Motion:** To proceed with a Public Hearing scheduled for October 28, 2019, regarding ZMA2019-01 Eagle Mine, LLC.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) Public Hearing-Master Plan**

Richard Smith, Planning Consultant, CUPPAD, was present to answer questions and to guide the commission thru the resolutions and adoption procedures. Chairman Kippola opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM, and summarized the issues to be resolved. Two (2) items of major concern were discussed in detail:

- 1) The Future Land Use Plan is to be revised and corrected to reflect proposed industrial and manufacturing uses to guide the Township in the future decision making process. Richard Smith will address and reconcile this issue.
- 2) Mineral Range RR, request to consider Township participating in M-95 crossing repairs based upon comments in Chapter 10, Planning Commission Guides and Recommendations. Richard Smith will review the language and intent of Sub-chapter 10 and will report his findings back to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Kippola closed the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing at 8:15 PM.

**Motion** to postpone resolution No. PC-01-2019, regarding the Planning Commission's adoption of the Master Plan until the issues cited can be reconciled, and to reschedule another public hearing regarding this resolution for 7 PM, October 28, 2019, at the Humboldt Township Hall.

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

**REPORTS:**

- A) Zoning Administrator – No update**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM

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

**Joseph O. Wasie, Secretary**