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Humboldt Township
Planning Commission

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Regular Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2018– 7:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jim Kippola, Joseph Wasie, Jeffrey Ogea, Dan Etelamaki
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeannie Carlisle
STAFF PRESENT:	Howard, Robare, Zoning Administrator; Jackie Solomon, Recording Secretary/Administrator (Arrived at 8:00)
STAFF ABSENT:	None
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Thomas Prophet, Supervisor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.
Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Carlisle); Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the August 27, 2018 minutes as revised (Old Business, Item D, Correct date on second line to 1987).
Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: 2018-09-07 Email Kathy Piasini, Sagola Township Master Plan Review

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Master Plan Update**

Chairman Kippola updated the Commission on the meeting held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, with Richard Smith, Planner from CUPPAD, regarding the Planning Commission's review of Chapters 1-3 of the Proposed Plan Revisions. Suggested changes included date references to reflect most recent available data, revisions to current businesses and services available within the Township, and a discussion on specific assets and opportunities available within the Township. The Planning Commission also reviewed Chapter 4, Housing, and noted once again text noting 2006-2010 references and tables showing data through 2015. Section 4.8 specialized housing, requires updating to reflect current nursing home facilities within the county. Chairman Kippola will compile the Planning Commission's comments and forward them to CUPPAD. He also indicated that Chapter 5, Community Services and Facilities, should emphasize local community services available including fire, garbage collection, etc. Since recreation opportunities have been addressed in a separate study, the existing Chapter 6, Recreation will be replaced with Capital Improvement Services, this chapter will include references to recent studies regarding roads and infrastructure priorities to guide the Township Board in making discussions regarding public works improvements. Chairman Kippola also requested the Planning Commissioners to review Chapters 7 through 11 prior to the October 22

Planning Commission meeting so comments and concerns could be discussed at that time, and forwarded to the Consultant as soon as possible.

B) **Road Name, Address and Street Lighting Study**
Chairman Kippola updated the Planning Commissioners on the current status of the project, the majority of which has been completed. Recommendations are anticipated being forward to the Township board through the Capital Improvements Program for implementation during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. A spreadsheet depicting geographical coordinates for existing street light locations within the township is being created into a GPS mapping system along with photographs of each site. This information is intended to be integrated with County Mapping Services to produce the final plan. Problems yet to be resolved with road maps and addresses include concerns with local GPS data which may conflict with the new street names and locations. This item is currently being discussed.

C) **Disaster Preparedness Plan**
Chairman Kippola indicated he has not yet had any response from Marquette County regarding information on disaster planning.

D) **Zoning Violation: Gravel Pit**
To date, there has not been the required proper closure of the site. Planning Commissioners were provided minutes from the Marquette County Zoning Board of Appeals held on July 22, 1987, in which a motion was adopted in part, to allow Mr. Bruce Hanninen, the Petitioner to improve the lot, and that he would comply with all the restrictions of a mineral resource to the point that all the protections and such that are required in a Mineral Resource Area be taken while the soil is being extracted; and also to have the grade not to go beneath M-95 so it's not lower than a state highway. Attorneys are still reviewing the information. Chairman Kippola will attempt to determine the status and update the Commissioners as soon as possible.

E) **Eagle Mine Tour**
Chairman Kippola indicated that no dates have yet been established.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Sagola Township Master Plan review
Copies of the Proposed Plan were provided to the Planning Commission and Chairman Kippola requested the Commissioners to review the plan and be ready to discuss any issues at the October Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

REPORTS:

A) **Zoning Administrator Update.**
   a) Luce Game Ranch – As Built Plan
   Howard Robare, Township Zoning Administrator and Chairman Kippola toured the site with the owner and advised that all fencing has been installed along with specific breed pens. A final, as built site plan has been submitted and is now on file at the Township Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

Motion: To adjourn meeting 8:30 PM
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Joseph O. Wasie, Secretary