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## **Humboldt Township Planning Commission**

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2019 – 7:00 PM**  
**Humboldt Township Hall**

Administrator Solomon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to Nate Denofre, our newly appointed Planning Commissioner.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Dan Etelamaki, Jeffrey Ogea, Nate Denofre  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Wasie  
STAFF PRESENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator; Jackie Solomon, Administrator; Thomas Prophet, Supervisor  
STAFF ABSENT: None  
PUBLIC PRESENT: Dan Holsworth, Elton Luce II, Mary Luce, Don Schinella, Karen Kyes, Michelle Irwin, Brooke Routhier, Matt Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion: To approve the January 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written.**

**Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jim Kippola, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

**A) Humboldt Township Master Plan Update**

A meeting is scheduled with the Township Board, CUPPAD consultant Richard Smith, and the Planning Commission for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Humboldt Township Hall to review the completed draft Master Plan.

**B) Marquette County Master Plan Update**

No update at this time.

**C) Road Name, Address and Street Lighting Study**

The commission reviewed and discussed the recommendations set forth in the study and approved the final draft to be sent to the Township Board.

**Motion: To accept the road name, address and street lighting study and forward it to the Township Board for their final approval.**

**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

**D) Disaster Preparedness Plan**

The Commission plans to address this during this calendar year.

E) **Eagle Mine Tour**

We will try to schedule a tour in the Spring.

F) **Republic Township Master Plan**

Chairman Kippola spoke with a representative of the Republic Township Planning Commission. Republic Township is beginning the process of amending their Master Plan so we will

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) **Conditional Use Permit Application CUP2019-01: Luce**

Chairman Kippola opened the hearing and summarized the applicant's request. His commercial hunting ranch was approved through Conditional Use Permit CUP2015-01 in 2015 and amended with CUP2016-01 in 2016. This amendment, CUP2019-01, is to include an additional 80 acres (N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, T47N R29W).

The Zoning Administrator gave his staff report. Owner, Elton Luce Jr. discussed the proposed amendment and fielded questions from the Commission.

Chairman Kippola opened the hearing to public comment.

Dan Holsworth, stated his support of the applicant.

Don Schinella, representing the applicant commented on the high moral standard the Luce family holds themselves to.

Michelle Irwin, a neighboring property owner questioned the applicant in regards to traffic, noise and safety.

Chairman Kippola closed the hearing to public comment. The Commission deliberated and the applicant answered additional questions.

**Motion: To accept the changes presented in the subject site plan CUP2019-01 as being in compliance with the standards for site plan approval as set forth in Section 606 and to approve the Conditional Use Permit amendment, CUP2019-01 which includes an additional 80 acres (N ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, T47N R29W), lodge location and sighting in shooting range as being in compliance with the standards set forth in Article VII and the general standards in Section 704 of the Zoning Ordinance.**

**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

Chairman Kippola adjourned the hearing.

B) **Eagle Mine Water Treatment Plant Addition Site Plan**

Eagle Mine Representatives, Brooke Routhier and Matt Johnson presented the site plan for the water treatment plant. They have made changes to the way they discharge treated water. They used to treat and discharge to wetland, is now being discharged to middle branch of Escanaba river for a continuous supply of water to wetland. Building expansion add additional clarification and filtration units. Have effectively doubled the size of the building.

Chairman Kippola thanked Ms. Routhier and Mr. Johnson for joining us tonight and presenting their site plan. The Commission will complete their site plan review for consideration at the April 22, 2019 regular meeting.

C) **Capital Improvement Review: Township Pickup Truck**

The Township Board at their meeting on March 11, 2019 discussed purchase of a new township pickup truck to use for plowing, maintenance and potentially EMS/First Responder.

**Motion: To support the purchase of a township pickup truck in accordance with the goal set forth in Chapter 10.5 of the Master Plan; "to provide, maintain and improve the quality and efficiency of current community facilities and services for the public benefit in a cost-effective manner."**

**Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

**D) Cancellation of the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting**

With the re-scheduling of the February meeting to tonight and the upcoming special meetings regarding the master plan the Commission discussed cancelling the March 25, 2019 regular meeting.

**Motion: To cancel the March 25, 2019 meeting.**

**Jim Kippola, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

**REPORTS:**

**A) Zoning Administrator Update.**

Grounded Property Development, LLC has submitted a commercial zoning compliance application. It is currently under review by the Zoning Administrator.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Happy Birthday Chairman Kippola.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** In discussion of the Disaster Preparedness Plan, Elton and Mary Luce wanted to go on record as offering their lodge as an emergency facility.

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

**Motion: To adjourn meeting 8:35 PM**

**Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

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Joseph O. Wasie, Secretary