

BURT TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Minutes
September 9, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Jay Jontz on September 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Attendance: Jay Jontz, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Allen Kozlowski, Matt Landon

Absent: None

Also Attending: Katie Parker, John Ioacongelli, Jim Larson, Donna McDougall

Chair Jontz led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: No additions or deletions

Conflicts of Interest – None

Minutes – May 16, 2019 and Public Hearing May 24, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Landon, supported by Janness to approve the minutes of May 16, 2019, as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on May 24, 2019 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Township Board – Hodulik

1. The public portion of Sturgeon Bay Road is being paved through the township millage fund and should be completed this year.
2. A Special Assessment District for paving the private road portion of Sturgeon Bay Road was approved.
3. Improvements with crushed rock was made to Mundt Road and Poxson Road.
4. Mullett Township would like additional funding from Burt Township for fire protection. Discussions are underway.
5. Phase II of the of the Burt Lake Trail is under construction.
6. Aaron Gauthier, Circuit Court Judge, Cheboygan County attended the Board meeting.
7. The Board accepted a bid for improvements to Mullett-Burt Road/E. Burt Lake Road boat launch (Hoppies) and should be completed by November 1, 2019.
8. “No motorized vehicles” signs installed on the west side Burt Lake Trail.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jontz

Two variances were approved at the July 19, 2019 public hearing.

- Peter and Joan DePrekel, 10826 Chickagami Trail, Brutus, Michigan received a variance for a deck.
- William Michels, 10289 Chickagami Trail, Brutus, Michigan received a variance for a two-story garage.

The next meeting is September 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm. One variance request:

Timothy VanSchoick, 10145 Chickagami Trail, Brutus MI 49716, requests an approximate 19' variance in the 75' waterfront setback for a patio and request 2' variance for the steps.

Zoning Administrator Report – Larson

Larson reported this has been a busy year. He suggested revising the zoning ordinance regarding the two-acre minimum for a pole barn as it is only listed as permissible in the mixed residential district and should be in all districts except waterfront.

Also, the zoning ordinance book needs updating and the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update – Iacoangelli

The survey had a very good response at 47 percent.

The timeline for the Master Plan was reviewed. The committee will review the plan and have suggestions at the November meeting. The wish list will include fast-speed internet for the entire township and to bury power lines.

Special meetings will be needed to get it done by March or April 2020.

The proposed update will need to be sent to neighboring townships, the county and utility companies.

Solar Energy Farms – Iacoangelli

A draft ordinance was sent out for review.

Changes to be added:

- Add the lot coverage for permeable surfaces
- Remove “utility” scale verbiage

Brainstorm

Suggestions will be added to the Master Plan update for the November meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Jontz, supported Hodulik to change the Planning Commission meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm with the exception that the November meeting will be held on November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment – none

MOTION: Moved by Kozlowski, supported by Janness to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary