

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

November 9, 2023

Burt Township Hall

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Allen Kozlowski on November 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Allen Kozlowski, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Matt Landon. Jay Jontz, excused—sick.

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Ken Lane of Beckett and Raeder, Harold Koviak, David and Ann Klebba, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Allen Kozlowski

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, MINUTES: Motion by Landon, supported by Janness to approve the September 14, 2023 minutes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Hodulik, supported by Janness to approve the September 14, 2023, public hearing. Motion approved.

REPORTS: Township Board: Hodulik

1. Approved township flag design.
2. BLPA is researching a rumor that the DNR wishes to trade west side waterfront property for University of Michigan property.
3. Zoning building permits will be 10 cents per square foot with a \$75.00 minimum.
4. Metro Act (ROW) for AT&T approved for 5 years.
5. Pellston Fire Department has purchased a rescue boat to use on area lakes.
6. Two dump roads, Cedar Drive, and Deerfield Road have been tar, chipped & sealed. The county tar, chipped & sealed East Burt Lake Road from West Birchwood Road going north to Riggsville Road. Two miles of Topinabee Mail Route were paved. Road Commission will provide several road upgrade estimates in early 2024.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Koviak

2 appeals on the agenda for the Friday, November 17, 2023, meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – LARSON: No report as administrator was not in attendance.

PLANNING CONSULTANT – Ken Lane of Beckett & Raeder : Application from PIE&G for their tower to read smart meters was withdrawn because of the difficulty in obtaining parts. Will reconsider in 2024.

In the Saugatuck Dune Coastal Alliance v. Saugatuck Township, a new definition by the courts for being “aggrieved” is essential to appeal an administrative zoning or ZBA decision. The new definition is more lenient.

Governor will soon sign a bill taking local power away from townships regarding zoning for utility scale renewable energy systems. This bill will take away local control.

OLD BUSINESS:

HIGH SPEED INTERNET—Kozlowski reported that Spectrum/Charter has been awarded the Robin Grant to install fiber optic high speed internet/television in Burt Township to be in place by January, 2026. See the website for additional information.

MASTER PLAN: The Master Plan expires in July of 2024. Handouts of the Community Goals and Objectives from the current Master Plan were reviewed, a few were eliminated because they were completed. It was agreed to review chapters 1 & 2 for the January meeting. Most likely this will be a Master Plan revision, not a rewrite.

3909 South Extension: Update was not available as neither Jim Larson, Zoning Administrator, or Tim MacArthur, township attorney, were not in attendance. Hodulik suggested the planning commission should have a copy of the letter delivered to the Jacobs.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BRAINSTORM – no comments at this meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS- 2024 agreed to meeting dates are January 11, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 12 (Tuesday), and January 9, 2025. All meetings except November are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. except the November 12 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – made by Landon, supported by Janness. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary