

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

March 14, 2024

Burt Township Hall

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Jay Jontz on March 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Jay Jontz, Allen Kozlowski, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness. Matt Landon – absent,

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Ken Lane of Beckett and Raeder, Jim Larson, Zoning Administrator, David and Ann Klebba, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hodulik, supported by Kozlowski to approve the January 11, 2024 , minutes. Motion approved.

REPORTS: Township Board: Hodulik

1. DNR property on West Burt Lake Road will be put up for auction as negotiations with U of M fell through.
2. EGLE representative gave a presentation at the board meeting regarding the Kinney property. The plan is to remove the building at the corner of Crump and Mullett-Burt Roads this year with the removal of contaminants to be done in 2025.
3. Paperwork regarding the Jacobs property has been given to the Circuit Court and served to the Jacobs, and should be on the court docket in another 2 weeks.
4. Annual budget approved.
5. Pave ½ mile of Phase I trail going north parallel to west Burt Lake Road.
6. Resolution passed for a petition to repeal the “renewable energy law”
7. Halle Klocker of 2G Consulting Group (environmentalists) reviewed Verizon tower site at the west side transfer station

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Jontz

The Mellema’s request for a second accessory building exceeded the allowable square footage for the acreage he owns. This did not conform to zoning so was denied.

Ruicci's builder failed to get a zoning permit and therefore a building permit for a lean-to extension to an existing accessory building. The required setback variances were approved with the understanding that he will obtain the zoning permit from the zoning administrator.

Shared access license renewals and procedures were clarified for renewal dates.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – Larson

It has been very busy with several inquiries due to unseasonable warm weather. One variance for the next ZBA meeting has been received, with the possibility of a second.

PLANNING CONSULTANT – Ken Lane of Beckett & Raeder

Verizon tower (west side transfer station) has been staked with possibility of a May start date to build. Ken Lane will remind them to obtain a zoning permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

HIGH SPEED INTERNET—Kozlowski

Spectrum/Charter will be dividing the high-speed internet installation into 2 projects starting late this year.

MASTER PLAN: The Master Plan expires in July of 2024.

Chapters 3 and 4 were reviewed with minor changes and updated data and a few new photographs of Burt Township. Chapters 5 & 6 will be reviewed at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Changes: Ken Lane led discussions regarding possible zoning ordinance amendments affecting Article IV, Sections 4.02, 4.03 regarding more descriptive site and plot plan definitions; Article VII, Section 7.01.2 campgrounds, removing the requirement for a public phone. A public hearing for these changes will be at 6:45 p.m. on May 9 before the regular Planning Commission meeting.

BRAINSTORM – No comments at this meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS- Hodulik requested that reports be given after “New Business.” It was agreed to move it for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Made by Kozlowski, supported by Janness. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING –Thursday, May 9, 2024. Public hearing at 6:45 followed immediately by planning meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

