

Escanaba Township Planning Commission

June 3, 2019 Meeting

The June 3, 2019 meeting was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7:30 p.m. at the Escanaba Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack Penegor.

ROLL CALL: Cliff Barron, Ann LaBumbard, Barry King, Jack Penegor, Tom Rymkos, and Norm Fleury were present. Ray Hughes was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FOR May 6, 2019. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Tom Rymkos, seconded by Barry King, approved by all.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Tom Rymkos and seconded by Barry King to accept the with the addition of A: Dan Cotter, B: Township officials C: Temporary structure. To New business.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

BLIGHT REPORT: LaBumbard update: Still waiting for a report from Russ Hall. Tabled until we hear from Him.

ZONING PERMITS: None

BOARD UPDATE: There was no update as Ray Hughes was absent.

NEW BUSINESS: A: Dan Cotter was present. Filed a blight complaint. This was tabled as we didn't have the complaint.

B. Township Officials: Ray Hughes is an elected official of the Escanaba Township Board. He can't vote on Planning commission issues. He is a liaison. Tom Rymkos can vote on Planning Commission because a deputy is appointed.

C: Temporary structure can be no more than 200 square feet.

OLD BUSINESS: Shooting Range: The shooting range would like to apply for a permit for the things they are doing. They were given a copy of what was needed for their master plan which will be given with the permit application. They received a copy of section 505 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, page 17 in the Escanaba Township Zoning ordinance book. The shooting range does not see that adding the dirt pile for a pistol range as expanding the facility because it is in the fence. It is the shooting club stand that what ever is inside the fence is grandfathered in. This pistol range allows the members to shoot pistol and shoot gun at the same time. In a meeting with the club officers. One of the parties there offered to donate the material machines and labor to put berms up to help with noise. Both sides want to see the lawyers opinion and the tape from that board meeting. A motion to shut down the pistol range until the permit is approved was made by Cliff Barron seconded by Norm Fleury. A vote was taken. Barry King yes, Cliff Barron yes, Ann Labumbaed yes, Tom Rymkos no, Norm Fleury yes, Jack Penegor no. By a vote of 4 yes, 2 no. It is recommended to the Escanaba Township Board to shut the pistol range down until the permits are approved. After the

motion was made and voted on. It was asked why three of the members, Cliff Barron, Barry King and Ann LaBumbard, were allowed to vote as they had signed a complaint. We the shooting club do not think they should vote. Ken Burnette said there was no violation of the 3 members voting, because when they signed the complaint there was no opinion from the lawyer. The matter of the permit for the shooting club is tabled until they turn in the master plan showing everything that is going to be done along with all the measurements.

Marihuana Proposal is tabled as we need an ordinance first. There will be a workshop June 24, 2019 7pm. At the Bess Firehall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be an open house June 6, 2019 6-9 pm Orion Renewable energy group at the Escanaba Township Hall. The next Planning Commission meeting will be July 1, 2019 7:30 pm. At the Escanaba Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Barron

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn was made by Cliff Barron, seconded by Norm Fleury. Approved by all adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Carol King Planning Commission Secretary