

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 1, 2019 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting of the Escanaba Township Planning Commission was called to order by Jack Penegor at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jack Penegor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for June 3, 2019. Motion was made by Barry King to accept minutes as written, seconded by Ann LaBumbard. Approved by all.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to accept agenda was made by Barry King, seconded by Cliff Barron and approved by all.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Zoning permits: Marshall Sodegren

Blight report: Cotter complaint: the hole from the pool should be filled this week. There will be a fence put up.

Knauff complaint has been handled. The blight at the house has been cleaned up.

BOARD UPDATE: Most things were tabled.

OLD BUSINESS: Orion energy/ Terry Burkhart. Solar Ordinance can't be a stand alone ordinance. It has to be rewritten. Motion to have a public hearing for the solar ordinance on July 22, 2019 was made by Ann LaBumbard, seconded by Norm Fleury, approved by all. Notices will be put in the Press and Action Paper. There will be a Public Hearing on July 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at the Escanaba Township Hall. This will be sent back to the board. Motion by Cliff Barron to have a public hearing, Aug. 13, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Escanaba Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Barry King, and approved. The hearing will decide to deny, grant, or grant with conditions the application of Orion to construct and operate a solar farm in the township.

SHOOTING RANGE: Permits were handed in for the berm, and a building. We now need an updated site plan showing the berm and the building. Cliff Barron made a motion to table this until the next meeting of the Planning Commission.

MARIHUANA PROPOSAL: The Marihuana Ordinance was looked at and discussed. Norm Fleury made a motion to sent to the board for approval, seconded by Cliff Barron. Approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Jay McKnight wants to put a mobile home on property. He can't do it because it is R-1 and they are not allowed in property that is R-1 zoning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Public Hearing July 22, 2019 at 7:30p.m. at the Escanaba Township Hall. Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting is Monday August 5, 2019

7:30 p.m. at Escanaba Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ann LaBumbard, and Vicki Gobert