

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Aug. 26, 2020
Virtual Meeting
“unapproved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Kurt Beck, Chairman, at 6:04 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mike Pardington, Diana London, Kurt Beck, Ron Janis, Jeff Lamrock
Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary,

PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion was made by Janis to approve the agenda for Aug. 26, 2020. Second by Pardington
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 17, 2020 :

Janis made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Lamrock
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: 2020-S-SLU-2020

Motion was made by Janis to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Second by Lamrock
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:08

Public Comments:

Rob and Sharon Schram – 3492 N. US 23

Mrs. Schram’s concerns

- *People trespassing to get to Lake Huron via their property
- *Additional traffic
- *Parking not adequate for the business
- *Type of water usage and discharge amounts
- *What’s the capacity authorized for use
- *Response of police

Mr. Schram’s concerns

- *Trespassing from the Aurora Resort

Madel Erneman – 4310 N. US 23

- *Wanted to know the location of the micro brewery

Rollin Reineck – 3585 N. US 23

- *Trespassing on his property
- *Noise, music
- *Lighting for parking lot
- *Traffic – dangerous for ingress and egress at that location
- *Does not want to allow for expansion

William Baughman – 3491 N. US 23

- *Business will not benefit property values
- *Increased traffic

Tom Wdowik - 3354 N. US 23

- *Very excited about microbrewery
- *Benefits tourism and economy
- *Additional employment

Teresa Bush – 3322 N. US 23

- *Approves of microbrewery
- *Will fill a vacant building
- *Additional place to dine
- *Revenue for AuSable Township

Rollin Reineck –

Mr. Reinecks responded that not everyone values tourism, and that more tourism is not always better.

Janis made the motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by Pardington.

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:28

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Mr. Jeff Taylor – Permit Request

Mr. Taylor (who was unable to attend this meeting), would like to reestablish the previous Big Boy property as a microbrewery. He added all state and local mandate codes will be observed. Chairman Beck acknowledged the property is located in the R-4 Tourist District, is allowed use (with special approval) under Sec. 4.16 Item H chart in the zoning ordinance of AuSable Township. There were more questions from the board for Mr. Taylor (dimension of lot, setbacks, sign location, location of septic and approve permit, parking spaces, capacity for building, outdoor lighting and type). The permit is tabled until Mr. Taylor provides the information needed.

At this time Chairman Beck acknowledged Mr. Reineck’s communication and how the AuSable Township Ordinances and State laws would address some of his concerns.

B) Master/Rec Plan Draft Review – Superintendent Sutton provided a draft to review chapters with changes. She asked the board to contact her with any suggestions, questions, or changes before Labor Day. Any edits to the draft will be forwarded to NEMCOG for the completion of the Master Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr Rob Schram thanked the board for the opportunity to express their concerns to them. He would like to see the Big Boy property used for a more compatible business in a residential area.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Janis
Second by Lamrock
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:55 pm

Submitted by:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kurt Beck, Chairman
Planning Commission