

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 17, 2024
“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Lamrock, at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mike Pardington, Diana London, Jeff Lamrock, Greg Romero, Deirdre Honner
Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: London made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Pardington
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (On agenda items) - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from (March 20, 2024):

London made the motion to approve the minutes from March 20, 2024. Second by Pardington
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Rabbit Ordinance** - Discussion had begun about rabbits due to concern over a few residents that are keeping rabbits in their backyard. The Code Enforcement Officer suggested that an addition be added to the ordinance to limit the number of rabbits similar to the Keeping of Chickens Ordinance. Superintendent Strayer said he would bring new language to the next meeting based on the input from the board. No action needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Permit 2024-S-09** – This permit is for PKL Childcare for a location at 761 S. State St. Pam Loveless plans on using the entire building except for Bay #1 which the owner is reserving for personal use. She will be able to care for a maximum of 35 children and also operate a food pantry. A fence will be erected for the children’s play area and a small vegetable garden. There was some concern regarding traffic along the building during the day while the food pantry would be operating. London made the motion to approve permit #2024-S-09.
Second by Pardington
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) **Annual Report to Township Board** – Superintendent Strayer is gathering information to provide to the Township Board on the activities of the Planning Commission for 2023. Some items included in the report: Updating Ordinances #134 – Home Occupations, 135 – Trailers on Vacant Lots, and 137 RV Storage, renewal of PUFF’s, approval of new commercial business (Vic Bond) and discussion about short-term rentals. Reports on Violations, permits, and commissioner training, meeting dates and board members will also be added. No action was needed from the board.

- C) Copy of Driveway Ordinance** – Denise Cline, from NEMCOG, created some suggestions for the issue of the Driveway Ordinance. The board had a change for Item D. – Residential homes shall have a drive or driveway of a minimum of 8 ft. wide and a maximum of 26 ft. wide. A circular drive shall be 8 ft. Item F. Driveways shall be located on the same side of the dwelling as their mailing address. Superintendent Strayer will bring the correct copy back to the next meeting.
- D) Master Plan Discussion** – The current copy of the 2020 Master Plan for AuSable Township was provided to the board. Work will be starting on this document due to its expiration at the end of 2024. Any updates or changes will be facilitated by NEMCOG (Northeast Michigan Council of Governments), which produced the current comprehensive addition for AuSable Township for 2020. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Chairman Lamrock suggested exchanging email information between the Commissioners for questions or suggestions to be addressed at any upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by London
Second by Romero
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 7:36 pm

Submitted by:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Lamrock, Chairman
Planning Commission