

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 20, 2024
“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Diana London at 6:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Greg Romero and Deirdre Honner

Absent: Mike Pardington, Jeff Lamrock

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Romero made the motion to approve the agenda for

June 20, 2024. Second by Honner

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (On agenda items)

Kathleen Deveraux of 2264 N. US 23, wanted to speak to the board regarding short-term rentals. She requested the issue of short-term rentals be revisited because it had been tabled by the Planning Commission. Ms. Deveraux believes there is a genuine interest among property owners in AuSable Township. She suggested an ordinance that would require licensing of the landlords, permitting with a fee, and a process for revocation of that permit if they should not adhere to the rules set by the ordinance. Legislation regarding this matter can be reviewed on the State website: HB 5437- 5446 which is still in committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from (May 22, 2024):

Romero made the motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2024. Second by Honner

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance #140 and Ordinance #141

PUBLIC HEARING:

A) Ordinance #140 - Honner made the motion to close regular board meeting and open the

Ordinance #140 Public Hearing. Second by Romero

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:10pm

Comments: Mr. Deuschel of 510 Third St. asked the purpose of the ordinance regarding driveway dimensions and composition.

Superintendent Strayer explained that the Code Enforcement Officer has multiple residents that have cars parking all over their lawns. We have nothing in the ordinances that defines or what constitutes a driveway and parking. This ordinance will help clear up certain parking issues for the CEO.

Honner made the motion to approve Ordinance #140 and send it to the Board of Trustees. Second by Romero

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:20pm

B) Ordinance #141 – Motion by Romero to close regular meeting and reopen public hearing for Ordinance #141. Second by Honner
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:20pm

Vice-Chairman London explained that Ordinance #141 was in reference to the keeping of rabbits. There was no further comments made by the board or the audience.

Honer made the motion to close the Ordinance #141 Public Hearing and reopen the Planning Commission meeting. Second by Romero
Unanimous - Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:21pm

Motion by Romero to submit Ordinance #141 to the Board of Trustees. Second by Honer
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

C) Master Plan Discussion – Superintendent Strayer included the check list which was sent to him by Denise Cline (NEMCOG). The commissioners had discussed doing an update of the data and statistics small changes. Superintendent Strayer will contact Ms. Cline and let her know the board has decided to do a partial update and to keep this Recreational Plan included with the Master Plan for now. No action needed

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident asked if Oscoda Township was going to put a bike path going North? Superintendent Strayer Explained that they do have a bike path going from the Oscoda Schools to Old Orchard Park. Most of the money has come from MDOT and they are trying to get a connection between Baldwin Township and AuSable Township.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Honner asked when the Short-term rental was originally addressed before the Planning Commission? Superintendent Strayer stated that he would have to research the records to find the original date. He would put it on the agenda again for more discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Romero
Second by Honner
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:51pm

Submitted by:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Lamrock, Chairman
Planning Commission