

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Sept 18, 2024
“approved”

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jeff Lamrock, Greg Romero, Deirdre Honner

Absent: Diana London

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Motion was made by Romero to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Honner

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (On agenda items) none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from (Aug. 21, 2024):

Motion was made by Romeo to approve the minutes of Aug. 21, 2024. Second by Honner

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Short-Term Rentals -** Superintendent Strayer provided a copy of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and also a stand-alone Ordinance for Short-Term Rentals for the board’s review. Denise Cline, (Chief Planner/Director) with input from the Township Attorney Tim Gulden, created an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance concerning Short-Term Rentals and also a stand-alone Ordinance To Adopt Short-Term Rental Regulations. The Commissioners did have some questions after reviewing each ordinance and some suggestions for changes. Therefore, another review will take place before moving forward with the process of adopting the ordinances presented. Honner made the motion to amend the draft presented for a final copy to review at the next meeting. Second by Romero
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried
- B) Master Plan Discussion –** Superintendent Strayer updated the board that the next step for the Master Plan will be to get a contract from NEMCOG for the preparation of the 2025 Master Plan. It will be presented to the Township Board for approval. No action needed.
- C) RV Storage –** The issue before the Commissioners was regarding allowing RV storage on a driveway in the front of the residence. According to Attorney Gulden opinion, a court would agree that it is a permissible and reasonable rule allowing a recreational vehicle to park in front if there is no access to the back yard. Romero made the motion to amend Sec. 3.16 to include front yard storage of a recreational vehicle. Second by Honner
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

- D) **Outside Storage at the Mini Storage** – Comparisons were examined by Denise Cline regarding outside storage. The key sample was outside storage needed to be located behind the buildings. Honner wanted to postpone and decision until the owners were contacted to see if they still had the intent to build larger structures for recreational vehicles. No action was taken.
- E) **Mike Pardington Resignation** – Chairman Lamrock announced the resignation of Mike Pardington from the Planning Commission effective immediately. The board appreciates Mr. Pardington's time and service on the board.
Superintendent Strayer explained anyone interested the vacant position will have to submit a letter on interest and a summary of their background. It will be introduced to the Township Board for a decision of employment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Ed Meltz wished to thank the board for reconsidering his situation of being unable to park his RV in the driveway. Their decision to change this ordinance was much appreciated.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Honner
Second by Romero
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 6:59 pm

Submitted by:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Jeffrey Lamrock, Chairman
Planning Commission