

BURT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

Burt Township Hall

December 15, 2022

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Jay Jontz on DECEMBER 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Jay Jontz, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness. Allen Kozlowski. Absent Matt Landon

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Ken Lane of Beckett and Raeder, Harold Koviak, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST : None

APPROVAL OF November 10, 2022 MINUTES: MOTION: To approve November 10, 2022 minutes by Kozlowski, supported by Janness .

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Township Board Representative – Hodulik

1. Board approved a Resolution to support the application for a SPARK Grant to pave Phase I portion of the trail which is still crushed limestone. Grant request is for \$428,000 plus a \$50,000 township match, for a total of \$478,000. Grant written by Becky Revard of Huron Engineering with assistance from Gary Street, Margie Reh, and Gene Hodulik.
2. Road maintenance will be a priority in 2023. Harold Koviak and Gene Hodulik met with Matt Hall and Ruby Souris (engineer) to prioritize projects for 2023.
3. Becky Rivard of Huron Engr. consented to work on a financial cost for paved shoulders vs. off road trail to Topinabee for the Trail Committee.
4. There is a new Cheboygan County Commissioner from Mackinaw City for our township.

ZBA -Jontz

Reviewed shared use docks/hoists licenses for two properties which were tabled until more information is available.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR : Jim Larson not present, no report

PLANNING CONSULTANT –Ken Lane of Beckett & Raeder

The hot topic throughout the state is wind turbines and solar energy. Consumers Energy and DTE are especially looking for governments that do not have zoning regarding use of either one. Present emphasis is more on solar. Larger electric distribution centers are being constructed. There is a class at the Gaylord University Center January 11 at 6 pm covering solar and wind energy zoning.

OLD BUSINESS:

High Speed Internet

Allen Kozlowski did not have any new information. Hopefully as mapping is completed by next spring, installation will take place on the west side during the summer/fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Burt Township 2023-2027 Parks & Recreation Plan: Discussion involved missing financial data in the plan and review of several maps for accuracy. Lane said some changes can be made to the final plan even at the January 5, 2023, Township Board meeting. It was suggested that all should review the hard copy given out at the meeting.

MOTION: to approve and recommend the adoption of the Burt Township Recreation Plan 2023-2027, by the Planning Commission, resolution to be forwarded to the Township Board was made by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik. **MOTION APPROVED**

Zoning Ordinance amendment for Fire Pits, Decks, Patios: There were no comments regarding any changes.

Motion by Hodulik, support by Kozlowski, to recommend approval to the Burt Township Board of Trustees zoning ordinance amendment **#01 of 2022**, an Ordinance to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Article VI: General Provisions, Section 6.04.3, Additional Permitted Accessory Structures, pertaining to Fire Pits, Decks, and Patios, as presented. Motion approved.

Zoning Ordinance amendment pertaining to Accessory Buildings as a Principal Use and Lot Size requirements in each zoning district: There were no comments regarding any changes.

MOTION by Hodulik, support by Kozlowski, to recommend approval to the Burt Township Board of Trustees zoning ordinance amendment **#02 of 2022**, an ordinance to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Article II: Rules of Construction and Definitions, Section 2.02, Definitions, and Article III:

Zoning Districts and Map, Sections 3.02.3, 3.03.3, 3.04.3, 3.05.4, 3.06.3, 3.07.4 and 3.08.3, pertaining to Accessory Buildings as Principal Use, as presented. Motion approved.

Meeting Dates for 2023 and election of officers will be discussed at the January 12, 2023, ~~2:00~~ 7:00 pm Planning Commission meeting.

Brainstorm: Kozlowski would like to see a light or worst case reflective signs at the intersection of West Burt Lake Rd and Riggsville road. It is easy to miss the turn onto West Burt Lake Road. The same is true at Riggsville and East Burt lake Road. This is a topic to discuss with the Road Commission Manager. Jontz again brought up the use of a cart at the West side transfer station to haul in garbage other than Saturday or Monday when open.

Planning Commission Comments: Thank you to Ken Lane for his detailed work on the zoning changes.

Public Comments: Koviak said to consider a review of the solar and wind ordinance, especially decommission, restoration, setback, fire protection if batteries involved.

MOTION: by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik to adjourn. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

working with Fern Spence to complete the plan by Tuesday, November 15. Lane & Spence will publish the public hearing announcement in the Petoskey News Review and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune.

The Public Hearing will be Thursday, December 15 at 6:45 p.m. for fire pits, accessory buildings, and the Recreation Plan with the Planning Commission meeting to directly follow.

MOTION made by Janness and supported by Kozlowski for a public hearing on December 15, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. for public input to the proposed Parks & Recreation plan and revised ordinances for fire pits and surround and accessory building zoning district tables with the Planning Commission meeting to follow.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS – None

BRAINSTORM – None

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A park & pavilion at the township hall was suggested

NEXT MEETING – January, 2023 – date yet to be determined

MOTION TO ADJOURN – made by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik & adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Hodulik

Recording Secretary