

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Minutes  
July 9, 2020  
866-678-6823 code – 7861936**

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Jay Jontz on July 9, 2020 via teleconference.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jay Jontz, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Allen Kozlowski, Matt Landon  
Also Attending: John Iacongelli, Harold Koviak, Jim Larson, Donna McDougall/Clerk Recording Secretary

Declaration of any Conflict of Interest on the Agenda– None

**Minutes:** May 14, 2020

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Janness to approve the Planning Commission minutes of May 14, 2020 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

### **Reports**

#### Township Board Representative – Hodulik

- 1) Mullett-Burt Road (Hoppies) boat launch completed
- 2) Annual Spring Clean Up - East Side Transfer Station was a big success. 165 loads (5.5 truck loads), 100 tires and another 100 with household trash. BLPA is donating \$1,200.
- 3) Phase II of the Burt Lake Trail complete
- 4) Phase III grants are in place
- 5) Township roads are brined
- 6) Board of Review on July 21, 2020 from 6-8 pm
- 7) Board is working on plans for remodeling the township hall for better access
- 8) Three millages are on the August 4, 2020 ballot - Fire protection, Road paving, and general operating
- 9) East Burt Lake road construction begins on July 20, 2020.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals Report Representative - Jontz

One appeal was heard on May - James Thoms for a pole barn on Numbers/Service Road. A 760 sq.ft. variance was given. The pole barn will be 40' x 64'.

The next ZBA meeting is July 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm. One appeal is on the agenda: John Calk, Francine Lane - a patio in the 75' setback.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### Nonconforming lots Language

**MOTION:** Moved by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik to hold a Public Hearing on September 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm to take comments on the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance:  
Article VI: General Provisions, Section 6.02 - Nonconformities

4. *Construction or reconstruction of building(s) and/or structures on an existing non-conforming lot of record may be permitted with a zoning permit so long as the other applicable standards of the zoning district in which the lot is located, including building coverage, height, and setbacks are met.*

**MOTION APPROVED**

### Accessory Buildings as a Principal Use

**MOTION:** Moved by Landon, supported by Janness to hold a Public Hearing on September 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm to take comments on the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance:

Section 1. Amendment of Article III:

Article III: Zoning Districts and Map, Section 3.09 - Schedule of Regulations is hereby amended as follows:

*i) Minimum 1 acre lot size shall be required for an accessory structure as a Principal Use.*

**MOTION APPROVED**

### High Speed Internet

Evan Vandervanker from Merit joined the meeting to discuss high speed internet.

Kozlowski received an email from Aspen Communications saying they are not interested in working with the township unless the township runs the internet service and owns the ISP or works with another township to do it. He has not heard any further from them.

Mr. Vandervanker said the best way to get the project going is to:

- 1) Have the board pass a resolution to put together a feasibility study which is required for the Metro Act. Aspen could do this and will charge about \$10,000. Included in the feasibility study would be a cost benefit analysis. The cost to each household would be about \$3,000 for construction but the monthly use fee would be very low.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Zoning Ordinance Reformat

John Iacoangelli reformatted the Zoning Ordinance. The updated amendments are noted when they were amended. He will also add a footnote at the bottom of the pages with the old amendment language.

#### Brainstorm

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

Next meeting September 10, 2020- Public Hearings at 6:30 pm with regular meeting to follow.

**MOTION:** Moved by Landon, supported by Janness to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary