

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION December 5, 2018**  
**Approved January 2, 2019**

The public hearing was called to order by Doug Dow at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Richard Carlson, Andrew Brown, Gary Wood and Bill Marske were present. Jerry Kohn and Grace Rappe were absent.

**The Agenda** was reviewed. Wood moved to approve the agenda, supported by Marske. Motion carried.

**Minutes** of the prior November regular meeting were reviewed.

Carlson requested that the motion to deny SLU 200 be revised to read that the motion be denied with the commission suggesting that a compromise be sought. Carlson provided wording that was approved by Rappe.

It was requested that "Woods" at the start of paragraph three in the special hearing section be changed to "Wood." In paragraph two "quite" was corrected to "quiet."

Wood moved to approve the minutes, supported by Carlson. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:** None

**Old Business:**

Wood informed the commission that progress has been made in the process of approving the proposed ordinance. He read a memorandum from McKenna and Associates into the record that outlined the most recent changes to the proposed ordinance.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Marske, that on behalf of the Steering Committee that has provided oversight of the zoning ordinance, zoning map review and update process, the recommended revisions to the draft ordinance based on the Berrien County Planning Commission comments in a memorandum from McKenna, our planning consultants, dated December 4, 2018 be adopted. In addition, based upon these changes being incorporated into the draft ordinance, Wood moved that the Chikaming Township Zoning Ordinance Draft now dated November 30, 2018 and the Zoning Map dated August 27, 2018 be approved for adoption by the Chikaming Township Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

Dow observed that the process included a great deal of community input.

Wood informed the commission that the next step will be for the township to vote on the ordinance.

**New Business:**

**Minor Amendment to Special Land Use #38**

Applicant wishes to demolish 2 existing cabins (cabins 12 & 13) and replace with 1 new cottage with a reduction in square footage

The architect for the project, John Allegretti, came forth to speak on behalf of the applicant. He explained that a new 2,100 sq. ft. facility would be replacing the 3 old structures which are past restoration potential. A few trees will need to be removed for the project.

Douglas Pompeii came forth to state that the 3 cottages that are proposed to be torn down have been vacant for quite some time now. Pompeii informed the commission that there is a nature preserve adjacent to the property but the building will not be near it.

Moved by Marske, seconded by Carlson, to approve the minor amendment to SLU #38 to allow the tear down of three cabins to be replaced by one structure.  
Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Commission, Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Supported by Marske. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bill Marske, Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission