

## CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

January 6, 2021 meeting

Approved March 3, 2021

Per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48, as it applies to MCL 15.264, the meeting was conducted electronically via a Zoom Video Meeting

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:29 PM by chairman John Chipman, with members, Doug Dow, Richard Carlson, Andy Brown, Jerry Kohn, and Bill Marske present. Township Zoning Administrator Van Thornton, township attorney Charles Hilmer, Martin Smith, Brad Yetterberg and Drew Yetterberg were also present. Member Grace Rappe joined shortly after the start of the meeting.

**The Agenda** was reviewed, and no changes were suggested. Doug Dow moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Jerry Kohn. Roll call vote, with all voting yes, motion carried.

**Minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting** were reviewed. Doug Dow moved to approve the minutes with changes, supported by Richard Carlson. Roll call vote, with all members voting yes, motion carried

**Unfinished Business:** Chairman John Chipman gave an update on the status of the Red Arrow Highway / Harbert planning process and schedule. The proposal from Wightman has been approved by the Township Board and the committee will hold their first meeting later this week. Meeting notes will be shared with the planning commission members.

Doug Dow reported that the committee reviewing the Zoning Ordinance will be meeting in the next few weeks. The committee will be sharing a list of items that they are reviewing with the planning commission members and at this time there will be no action taken by the Planning Commission to address stone Revetments on the Lake Michigan shoreline.

**Zoning Administrator Updates:** Township Zoning Administrator Van Thornton told the planning commission members that 2021 will be a busy year with the building of new homes and home renovations.

**New Business:** Architect Martin Smith made a presentation on the proposed Event Hall that would be located in the building that the Sawyer Hardware was formerly located in at 5896 Sawyer Rd, Sawyer, Michigan. Items discussed included parking, drainage, occupancy, landscaping, and future use of adjacent buildings. Martin Smith, Brad Yetterberg, and Drew Yetterberg answered question asked by planning commission members. They will attend the February 3, 2021 meeting with an updated plan that addresses the issues that were discussed.

Public Comment: None

**Adjournment:** With no further business before the Commission Doug Dow moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM, supported by Grace Rappe. Roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

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