

## CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 3, 2021 Meeting

Approved on April 7, 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 6:41 PM by chairman John Chipman, with members, Doug Dow, Richard Carlson, Andy Brown, Jerry Kohn, Grace Rappe, and Bill Marske present. Township Zoning Administrator Van Thornton, township attorney Charles Hilmer, and Kim Livengood were also present.

**The Agenda** was reviewed and it was agreed to defer the Yetterberg Event Hall agenda item to the next Planning Commission meeting. Doug Dow moved to approve the agenda with changes, supported by Jerry Kohn. Roll call vote, with all voting yes, motion carried.

**Minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting** were reviewed. Doug Dow moved to approve the minutes with changes, supported by Grace Rappe. 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 improvements. The planning process has begun for the Harbert improvements and they hope to be able to give a report at the June Planning Commission meeting.

Doug Dow reported on the Zoning Ordinance review, the committee has been meeting weekly on reviewing the proposed changes and hope to be completed in April. Some of the areas that have been addressed include mixed use districts, restrictions on accessory structures, adding a new use for Event Space, guidelines for berms, and a simplified site plan review for limited use situations. Items that will be reviewed include parking, signs, and fences.

**Zoning Administrator Updates:** Township Zoning Administrator Van Thornton also commented on the Zoning Ordinances review.

### **New Business**

Outdoor seating due to Covid-19 for Greenbush Brewing Company 5885 Sawyer Rd, Sawyer, Michigan 49125 was discussed with Scott Sullivan and Ray Akers making a presentation and answering questions from the Planning Commission members. The proposal is to have outdoor seating along Sawyer Road between the road and the front of their two buildings and on the one side by the railroad tracks, similar to what they had last year with a tent located between the two buildings where the public will enter.

Doug Dow moved to approve the Site Plan for outdoor seating submitted by Greenbush Brewery. This site plan should be revised to include the middle tent between the two buildings. Supported by Bill Marske. Roll call vote, with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Chikaming Township Master Plan Amendment – Shoreline Resilience was discussed by John Chipman and Doug Dow. The Chikaming Township Board approved Ordinance #147 on February 25, 2021 to prohibit shoreline armoring and to require a permit for sandbags and geotubes. To address this change the Master Plan will need to be amended.

Doug Dow moved that the Planning Commission affirms that its December 2, 2020 review of the Chikaming Township Master Plan, and its determination that the Plan is still valid and does not need to be rewritten; the Planning Commission determines that this Master Plan needs to be amended to address the emerging issue of Lakefront Resilience; and that the Planning Commission further determines that this Master Plan needs to be amended to provide a visual rendering of what the Plan proposes, supported by Grace Rappe. Roll call vote, with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion of a possible tree ordinance by Grace Rappe. Discussion of the possibility of restricting the removal of trees that are located in property setbacks, something less restrictive than the proposal from 2018 and possibly only for R1, R1W and R2.

Moved by Doug Dow to create a new tree ordinance to review, supported by Jerry Kohn. Roll call vote, with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Minor amendment to SLU #134-Kristy Putman, Peacock Place, 13436 Red Arrow Highway, Property Code 11-07-0010-0042-04-2; Amendment to allow “Renting two single family dwellings to separate families on both short term and long term in a mixed use C-Commercial District, governed by the residential Rental Ordinance #141 as Rental Properties” The property owner did not attend and Doug Dow told the Planning commission members the property owner had agreed to this proposal and that we could move forward with approval.

Doug Dow moved to approve the minor amendment to SLU #134, supported by Grace Rappe. Roll call vote, with all voting yes, motion carried.

Public Comment, comments were made by Arthur Anderson and Jill Underhill

**Adjournment:** With no further business before the Commission Doug Dow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, supported by Bill Marske. Roll call vote, all members voted yes, motion carried.

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