

Chikaming Township Planning Commission - February 6, 2019

APPROVED Minutes

The Planning Commission Regular Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM by Chairman Doug Dow with members Andrew Brown, Jerry Kohn, Grace Rappe, Richard Carlson and John Chipman present, representing a quorum. Bill Marske was absent.

Others Present included attorney Charles Hilmer and Scott Rappe.

The Agenda was reviewed. Jerry Kohn moved to approve the Agenda, John Shipman supported. The Agenda was approved.

Minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Grace Rappe noted two items needing correction:

In the first paragraph, third line, delete the following "Andy Brown arrived a few minutes later".

Under New Business: Correct the spelling of Kristy Putnam.

Grace Rappe moved to approve the minutes as corrected, supported by Andrew Brown. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

New Zoning Ordinance update:

Doug Dow presented an update on the progress following the Township Board's return of the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission for further refinement. A small work group consisting of Township Board member Rich Sullivan, Zoning Administrator Van Thornton John Shipman and Doug Dow, has been appointed to review the existing document and make changes to simplify, remove errors, modify areas of noted controversy, and make the document more useable and understandable by those who would use it. Grace Rappe was asked to specifically review the Landscaping section and provide any comments she has to offer.

The work group will meet weekly over the next six weeks to conduct this review, conference with the Berrien County Planning Commission representative, then work with the Zoning Consultant to incorporate changes, and communicate results to the Planning Commission and the community.

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

Architect and contributor to the Zoning Ordinance process, Scott Rappe, offered an opinion on the intent of the C-S Zoning District. It is the intent of the Form Based zoning requirements to over time develop a consistent, workable, and aesthetic organizational framework for future development, especially as it relates to the existing character of Downtown Sawyer. This should be beneficial in support of compatible future development, and does not impose changes on any of the existing structures in that district.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by Andrew Brown, supported by John Chipman, to Adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Bill Marske, Secretary, Chikaming Planning Commission