

**Marquette Township Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 – 7 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center**

Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Springer, Dave Wiegand, Jim Johnson, Leanne Kachmarsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Place

STAFF PRESENT: Izaak Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: Trustee Pete LaRue

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Springer requested that Stop Sign Requirement – Meijer’s Driveway be added as item 6d.

MOTION: To approve the agenda, as amended.

***Wiegand, Moved
Johnson, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: May 23, 2018

Peterson indicated a typo requiring revision.

MOTION: To approve the draft minutes, as amended.

***Wiegand, Moved
Kachmarsky, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Use Permit Public Hearing Request- Renewable Energy (Residential Solar) Applicant- Peninsula Solar, LLC.

Peterson stated that staff has received a special use permit application for residential solar. He recommended the public hearing required for the submitted special use permit be scheduled at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 27th.

MOTION: To schedule a Public Hearing for a proposed Alternative Energy Residential Solar System located at 107 Morgan Meadows Road at the Planning Commissions regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday June 27, 2018 at 7 pm.

Johnson, Moved

Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

2018 Road Maintenance Project Scope – Road Committee Recommendation

Wiegand informed the Planning Commission of the received bid for the 2018 Road Maintenance Project. He explained that items #12 and #16 were removed from the Road Committees 2018 Road Maintenance Project recommendation due to the unknown status of future Road Commission projects in their area.

Peterson noted that further reasoning to remove items #12 and #16 from the 2018 Road Maintenance Project Scope is that the proposed 2018 repairs would not fix the underlying problems with the roadways.

Wiegand stated that the intention in removing Forestville Rd. from 2018's maintenance was to provide a suitable repair in the form of reconstruction in 2019.

MOTION: To recommend that the 2018 Road Rehab Maintenance project be awarded to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC with the removal of item #16 and #12 as submitted. The adjusted cost will change from \$83,473.09 less \$1,418.69 #16 and \$41,199.56 #12 for an adjusted bid price of \$40,854.84.

*Wiegand, Moved
Johnson, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

City of Marquette- South Trails Development Plan

Springer provided background on recent events related to the City of Marquette's sale of land that contains the Noquemanon Trail Networks Trail.

Peterson noted that a possibility to maintain NTN's assets on Township Property, as well as provide the Township with regulation of trail activity on Township property was to pursue potential easements or franchise agreements for existing trails. Peterson indicated that these have been pursued in the past by the Township, but haven't been completed.

Springer and Wiegand indicated that further research by staff on the subject would be desirable.

Brickyard & Meijer's Driveway- Discussion

Peterson stated that the Marquette County Road Commission was going to place stop signs at the end of Meijer's drive.

Johnson stated that stop signs were placed at the end of Meijer's private drive. Johnson expressed concern over the effect of the newly installed stop signs.

Peterson stated that congestion at the Brickyard & US 41 intersection will be reduced at the time of the 2019 roundabout project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following committee meeting minutes and materials were distributed:

- a. Draft Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes- May 15, 2018
- b. Approved Road Committee Meeting Minutes- May 1, 2018

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)- Update

Peterson stated that an additional 49 million dollars has been allocated to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Springer presented a slideshow about the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant awards. Springer indicated that a large portion of the Trust Fund Grant awards are allocated to land acquisition projects. He believes land acquisition projects could be feasible pursuits by Marquette Township in the future.

REPORTS:

Short-Term Rentals Zoning Text Amendment

Peterson reported that the Township Board had their first reading of the Short-Term Rentals Zoning Text Amendment at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 5th.

2018 Parks Clean-up Follow-up

Springer provided a presentation about the 2018 Parks Clean-up.

2018 National Trails Day Follow-up

Springer provided a presentation about the 2018 National Trails Day events.

Marquette Detailing Zoning Compliance-Update

Peterson reported that Marquette Detailing has submitted a Zoning Compliance Application and a contractual reduction of bufferyard is being pursued by both Marquette Detailing and Mr. Hawkins.

2018 Citizen Survey Update

Peterson reported that the 2018 Citizen Survey will be distributed by mail on Monday, June 18th.

May 29, 2018 Special Recreation Meeting Follow-Up

Wiegand reported that the Recreation Committee adjusted the alignment on portion trails that are being installed at Lions Field.

Springer reported that the Recreation Committee also assisted in the relocation of play area equipment to allow for the installation of a new swing set.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Springer announced that the Catch the Vision Car Show will occur on Saturday, June 15th.

Peterson announced that CUPPAD will be holding free training for Planning Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeal members on September 12th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PLANNING COMMISSIONERS WISH TO MAKE:

Springer informed the Planning Commission that he will not be able to attend the July 11th Planning Commission meeting, and that Vice Chairperson Johnson will be asked to lead the meeting.

Wiegand inquired on the status of the Fat Boyz Bar, in Trowbridge Park, status as a non-conforming use.

Peterson stated that staff is currently working with potential buyers of the Fat Boyz property, and providing potential buyers with the information required bringing the property into compliance.

Johnson recommended that the Iron Range Roll organizers utilize prepare to stop signs at race road crossings in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

MOTION: To adjourn the Planning Commission meeting.

Wiegand, Moved
Kachmarsky, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Dave Wiegand – Planning Commission Secretary