

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
May 21, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on May 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Township office, Erie Road. Erie, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Mike Grodi	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Absent-Excused
Robert Schwartz	Absent-Excused

Also present: Mike Demski, Paul Tecpanecatl from Poggemeyer Design Group and Recording Secretary, Kristine Crammond.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill Jacobs requested to make additions to the Agenda under Public Comments and Communication to include C – Memo from Clerk and D – Change in the contract with Poggemeyer Design Group. Dr. Larry Guinn made a motion to approve the Agenda with additions. Dan Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Dan Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comments

Diane La Plante asked about our Ordinance # 117 regarding swimming pools in front yards as to whether it is permitted or not. Bill Jacobs stated that he would look into it.

B. Budget Report

Bill Jacobs stated the Township Board denied the request for the Planning Commission Budget increase. Another proposal to come forward.

C. Memo from Clerk.

A memo was received from Kim Cousino requesting the Planning Commission to estimate the addition funds needed to complete the current fiscal year without a deficit. Bill Jacobs gave the following amounts needed for the Planning Commission budget:

Per diem fees - \$200 Consultant - \$3100 Publishing - \$645 Membership - \$175

For a total of \$ 4,120 requested. Dan Taylor made a motion to approve the amounts. Mike Grodi seconded. Motion carried.

D. Change in contract with Poggemeyer Design Group

Erie Township board voted to discontinue the monthly retainer fee with Poggemeyer Design Group and instead to utilize their services on an hourly basis as needed.

Dr. Larry Guinn made a motion to close the Regular Meeting. Mike Grodi seconded. Meeting closed at 7:07 pm.

Mike Grodi made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Dan Taylor seconded. Public Hearing opened at 7:08 pm.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Frog Leg – Special Use Request – Outdoor eating / Entertainment

Ricki Duke, 2103 Manhattan Street, Erie, Michigan was in attendance. The Special Use Request is to have live music on the patio (11 am until midnight on Friday and Saturday. Sunday through Thursday 11 am – 9 with music.)

There were no Public Comments.

Mike Grodi made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Dr. Larry Guinn seconded. Public Hearing closed at 7:12 pm.

Public Hearing Regarding 2768 Morin Point Rezoning Request

Dave Cousino made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mike Grodi seconded Public Hearing opened at 7:13 pm

2. 2768 Morin Point – Rezoning Request from R-3 to C-W

Scott Dusseau, 2768 Morin Point, Erie, Michigan. Anticipated use, Docks and Shelter.

Jennifer and Scott Dusseau were in attendance.

1. One written response to place on file from Russell and Patricia Marriott, 3019 Morin Point Street, Erie, Michigan. The letter expressed concern regarding the rezoning of the property.
2. Robin Duffin – 2928 Brown Lane, Erie, Michigan. Robin expressed concern about the rezoning of the property. She stated the request does not go along with the Master Plan. She gave a full description of Commercial Waterway or CW. She does not support the rezoning request.
3. Thomas Maenle – 2914 Brown Lane, Erie, Michigan. He stated there is a marina down the road. He does not support the rezoning request.
4. Beth Maenle – 2914 Brown Lane, Erie, Michigan. She was concerned about the erosion of the break wall. . She does not support the rezoning request.

5. Paul Kolaz – 2908 Brown Lane, Erie, Michigan. He does not support the rezoning request.
6. Rose Sanders – 6298 Jacobs, Erie, Michigan. She does not support the rezoning request.
7. Mike Cummings – 2833 Morin Point, Erie, Michigan. He does not support the rezoning request.
8. Mary Ann Kolaz – 2908 Brown Lane, Erie, Michigan. She likes the peace and quiet of residential. She does not support the rezoning request.
9. Jennifer and Scott Dusseau – 2768 Morin Point, Erie, Michigan. Jennifer and Scott own the property in question. They stated there would be no drinking or alcohol. There would be no docks or marina on the property. They are interested in putting up a pavilion that would house no more than 55 people. A small venue, well landscaped and tastefully done. They stated they care about the neighborhood.

Mike Grodi made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Dan Taylor seconded. Public Hearing closed at 7:45 pm.

Dr. Larry Guinn made a motion to open the Regular Meeting. Dan Taylor seconded. The regular meeting opened at 7:46 pm.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Frog Leg – Special Use Request – Outdoor Eating / Entertainment.
Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the Special Use Request. Dave Cousino seconded. Motion carried.
- B. 2768 Morin Point – Rezoning request from R-3 to C-W
Mike Grodi made a motion to deny the request stating it does not follow Erie Township's zoning per the Master Plan. Dave Cousino seconded.
VOTE
Bill Jacobs – Yes to motion – no to rezoning request
Dan Taylor - Yes to motion – no to rezoning request
Dr. Larry Guinn – Yes to motion – no to rezoning request
Dave Cousino – Yes to motion – no to rezoning request
Mike Grodi – Yes to motion – no to rezoning request
Mike Grodi stated that everyone needs to work together.
- C. Temperance Solar – Final Site Plan Review
Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the final Site Plan Review for Temperance Solar. Dan Taylor seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Downtown Revitalization Committee Update.
Dan Taylor stated he met with SEMACOG last month. There has been a traffic study (speed) and truck count. The committee will be looking into available grant monies. There will be another committee meeting soon.
- E. Future of Recreational Marijuana Facilities (June 18th Meeting)
Mike Demski stated the Public Information meeting is scheduled at the Planning Commission meeting on June 18th at 7 pm.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

11. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Dr. Larry Guinn stated truck traffic is still a problem. Police are not ticketing trucks on Sterns and Suder Avenue.

12. MEETING DATES

Wednesday,	June 5, 2019	Park Commission	7:30pm
Tuesday,	June 11, 2019	Township Board	7:00 pm
Tuesday	June 18, 2019	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Cousino made a motion to adjourn. Mike Grodi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristine Crammond
Recording Secretary