

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024**

**With corrections*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Absent PRESENT
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kim Cousino.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Guinn moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Paul Perry moved, supported by Dave Cousino to keep the officers the same; Chairman – Bill Jacobs, Vice-Chair – Danny Taylor, Secretary – Paul Perry, Recording Secretary – Kim Cousino. Motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made at this time.

7. MINUTES APPROVAL

Dr, Guinn moved, supported by Paul Perry to approve the August 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment: Diane La Plante questioned the parcel number and owner of the rezoning request under new business.

- B. Communications: None
- C. Budget Report: Dave Cousino moved supported by Paul Perry to approve and place on file the budget report. Motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Re-Zoning Request: Parcel 05-034-005-00 – North of Lost Peninsula Marina

Mike Demski stated that owners, Bill and Jill Tabbert are requesting to re-zone parcel 05-034-005-00 from residential to commercial waterfront district. The property is currently being used to store boats, which is against the zoning ordinance for residential district. Mike Demski also mentioned the Tabbert's are interested in trading property with a neighbor and change legal descriptions; commissioners have proposed drawings from applicants. Mike Demski recommends the commission table the request for now because of the vague request.

Paul Perry moved, supported by Manny Evola to table the request to re-zone parcel 05-034-005-00, given the uncertainty of the proposal. Motion carried.

b. Suder Avenue Storage – 7525 Suder Ave. Security Fencing Question

The owners of Suder Avenue Storage are requesting the commissioners to consider their request to install barb/razor wire on the fencing at Suder Avenue Storage; on multiple occasions individuals have scaled the fence and stolen parts off of vehicles that are parked in the outside storage lot. Discussion was held.

Manny Evola moved, supported by Dave Cousino to allow the owners of Suder Avenue Storage to install barb/razor wire fencing at their location, 7525 Suder Ave. as requested. Motion carried.

c. Master Plan – Last updated November 13, 2018

Mike Demski stated the Zoning Enabling Act outlines guidance on updating master plans, which should be reviewed every five years; suggests the commissioners take time to review the plan and come to the next meeting ready to have a discussion on revisions or to make the decision to renew without changes.

Paul Perry moved, supported by Manny Evola to direct all commissioners review the master plan, the committee will discuss and make a decision on how they will move forward with renewing the master plan at the February meeting. Motion carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Diane LaPlante stated that the park commission adopted a resolution setting their regular meeting dates for the second Thursday of each month. Also, an Eagle Scout will be building ADA accessible picnic tables for the parks.

12. MEETING DATES

Township Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Bob Schwartz moved supported by Paul Perry to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary