

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING

September 12, 2023 – 6:00 PM – AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP HALL

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Meeting was called to order at 6:21 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jason Cain, Secretary; William Gramm, Member; Matt Lang, Chair; Bill Weisinger, Vice chair.

Members Absent: Jake Miller, Trustee

Others Present: Kathleen Lindquist, ZA; Michelle Doucette, Township Supervisor; Donna Shields, ZBA; Lou Kustin; John Carr; Howard Varvil; Connie Albro; Tom Beauchaine; Barb Carter

Discussion between board members occurred to amend agenda removing approval of minutes from the August 17, 2023 regular meeting due to not all Planning Commission board members being able to read them prior to this current meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve agenda as amended.

Moved: Weisinger

Supported: Gramm

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment:

Tom Beauchaine summarized what people spoke about during the last meeting in opposition to rentals, and specifically to opposition of the proposed short term rental on parcel 001-363-001-00 at E5473 Woodland Avenue in Au Train by David Urso. Mr. Beauchaine asked the board not to allow ATV's or snowmobiles as a condition if the CUP were to be approved.

Howard Varvil, who lives kitty-corner from the proposed David Urso short term rental, stated that there are too many snowmobiles in and around his house. Snowmobiles go through his neighborhood at all hours of the night and at high speeds as well.

Barb Carter says she sees high volumes of ATVs in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter coming down Woodland Avenue due to people not understanding the bridge that used to link Au Train to the trails is out. She stated she would like to see a condition of no snowmobiles or ATV's if the CUP for Mr. Urso is approved.

Correspondence / Announcements:

None

Old Business – continuation from August 17, 2023 for Mr. David Urso for a short-term rental on parcel 001-363-001-00 at E5473 Woodland Avenue, Au Train MI 49806. Decision was tabled during August 17, 2023 hearing due to Mr. Urso not having a named local management company.

Considerable discussion occurred between board members as to continue with the decision for Mr. Urso's CUP as Mr. Urso nor his representative showed up for the meeting.

Motion: To table decision until the next meeting.

Moved: Cain

Supported: Gramm

Ayes: Cain, Gramm, Lang, Weisinger

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Chair Lang called a ten minute recess at 6:50 PM and resumed the meeting at 7:00 PM

New Business – Master Plan review and discussion

Chair Lang gave his thoughts on how the master plan should be reviewed and reworked, and asked other board members for their opinions as well. Chair Lang invited Supervisor Doucette to provide insight from previous revisions of the master plan and how to go about it. Discussion occurred for the various portions of the master plan, and a decision was made to begin with Chapter 10 – Goals and Recommendations. The board proceeded to reword or strike out those recommendations that were complete or no longer relevant through page 3. He asked the board to continue similar changes to

chapter 10 on their own over the course of the following month so it can be reviewed by the entire board.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2023 – Special Joint Township Board and Planning Commission Meeting

Public Comment:

Donna Shields spoke of recent zoning training she had taken.

Chair Lang read an email submitted by Duane Newton.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Cain

Supported: Weisinger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chair Lang adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM