

Au Train Township, Planning Commission
Special Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 6:00pm

Au Train Township Hall - N7569 Spruce St – Au Train, MI 49806

MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Cain at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **ROLL CALL** – Members present: Chair Jason Cain, Vice Chair Bill Weisinger, Secretary Donna Shields, Township Board Liaison Jake Miller. Member Billy Gramm was absent.

Others present: Scott & Peggy Smith

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Shields, second by Cain to approve agenda as amended to add paper survey to item 8A Master Plan. Motion Carried
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Cain, second by Weisinger to approve minutes of the May 6, 2024 Planning Commission Special Meeting. Motion Carried
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Public comment was heard from Scott Smith on “temporary Campground” item.
- **BOARD COMMENTS** – Shields reported on her recent ZBA training. Miller commented on variances.
- **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a Master Plan review and updates – Paper copy of survey.
 - The survey deadline has been extended to June 30th as there was a delay in getting notice published in the local papers and posted online on the Township’s Facebook page. As of June 4th, there have been 120 responses received.

Supervisor Doucette has requested the Commission consider doing a paper survey for those that do not have computer access. The Commission previously discussed this and decided against. After more discussion, it was decided that the Commission’s position on this has not changed as it’s felt that there are options for everyone, either with the help of a friend or family member, or a visit to the Munising public library.

- b Zoning Ordinance Review and Updates
 - i Differentiate between resorts, campgrounds, recreational structures
 - Definitions for Campground, Recreational Structure, and Resort were amended. New definitions for Temporary Campground, Recreational Unit, and Seasonally Sited Recreational Unit were established along with regulations for Article IV for Temporary Campground.
 - ii Review definition of Recreational Vehicle.
 - Definition reviewed and found to be correct as stands.
 - iii Family Campgrounds?
 - Temporary Campground definition and regulations were established to address this item.

- iv Water & sewer regulations for family campgrounds
 - This is regulated by public health code under LMAS health Department. With having Temporary Campgrounds limited to 14 days, no special considerations should be needed.
- v People living in travel trailers, should this be included in the Zoning Ordinance?
 - This is already in the ordinance. Article IV, Section 419.
- vi Process for Zoning Violations – tabled until future meeting
- vii Article VII – Review – tabled until future meeting
- viii Article X – Site Plans – tabled until a future meeting
- ix Article VIII – Review of remainder of article
 - Section 801 – Intent was reviewed and amended.
 - Section 802 – Basis of Determination / General Standards Item E was eliminated as redundant, points 1-3 are already covered as regulations in Article IV, Section 408 B. Item F, #s 1-4 were amended and moved to regulations in Article IV – Section 421.
 - Section 804 – Procedure and Process was reviewed resulting in an amendment to item A.

- **CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS** -- A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2004 at 6:00 pm for a Special Presentation on Solar Energy Systems by Ryan Carrig of CUPPAD. Ryan should also have the results of the Master Plan Survey to share at this time.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Public Comment was heard from Peggy Smith giving accolades to the Commission for all their hard work.
- **BOARD COMMENT** -- Comments were heard from Shields regarding the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance. She expressed her hopes that all would agree to submit the most pressing amendments for approval and not hold up the revisions until absolutely everything is reviewed. There will always be potential revisions.
- **NEXT MEETING** – June 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm there will be a special meeting of the Planning Commission to hear two CUPs.
- **ADJOURN** – Motion by Shields. second by Cain to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Motion Carried

Minutes submitted by: Donna Shields, Secretary to the Au Train Township Planning Commission

Approved: June 20, 2024

Signed: 
Donna Shields