



PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES OF JANUARY 13, 2021

Note: These are not official minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Kathryn Danielson, Gail Hetler, Richard Hylwa, Pete Ostrowski, Jared Pontius, and Roger Suppes

Absent: Frank Smith

Staff present: Shar Fay, Rob Larrea, Dave Miller and Leslie Couturier, Zoning Administrator

Due to a meeting notice discrepancy for this meeting, it was the consensus of Commissioners to postpone motions and to place the following agenda items back on the Agenda for the February 10, 2021, Planning Commission meeting:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2020

Map Amendment

Fence Amendment

Draft Action Plan – Parks & Recreation

Larrea requested Commissioners forward to Village staff any suggestions they have regarding this agenda item.

Public Comment

Lois Bahle stated Leelanau County Solid Waste Council has received a grant to conduct a study on the County's recycling sites, and suggests Deuster Park and the DPW building as possible sites for recycling bins.

Bill Perkins noted a lot of recreational use on the sledding hill at Bahle's. He suggested mowing the upper part of the old ski hill and that the Village should explore reopening the ski hill. He further suggested looking at the Village's insurance policy as it relates to the ski hill, and perhaps open the lifts up again.

Reports

Zoning Administrator Report – Couturier reported there is not a lot of permitting right now, and that she is working on an enforcement issue on the north end of the Village.

Manager's Report – Larrea stated he has been closing up last year's projects, namely the Marina project, and is working on closing up the TAP project. Larrea visited the parks today getting ready for the 2021 season, noting \$30,000 in the budget for maintenance and improvements.

Village Council updates – Suppes stated Council has appointed Debra Smith as Village Council Trustee to fill the vacancy.

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Hylwa asked about the water issue on the trail behind the library. Larrea will look into the history of the water issue.

Ostrowski stated he believes it would be a huge expense to reopen the ski hill due to safety regulations.

Danielson stated that reopening the ski hill is an interesting concept, and suggests leasing the hill to a private organization or a non-profit to manage the ski hill.

Announcements

The postponed items from this agenda will be placed on the next meeting agenda for February 10, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.