

Planning Commission Meeting

Mar 24, 2022

The meeting was held at the Sugar Island Community Center located at 6401 E 1-½ Mile Road, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kathy Cairns.

Pledge of allegiance recited. Roll call of BOR Members.

Members present: Tanya Menard, Ryan Behm, Jeff Middlestead, Kathy Cairns, and Kathy Noble.

1. Additions to agenda: No additions.
2. Public comment: 7:05 pm: No comments.
3. February 21, 2022 Minutes: Ryan Behm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Middlestead all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. 3/0.
4. Addendum to Master Plan (Broadband): Addendum is not taking anything out but to add to it so the township is able to apply for grant money. The amount of miles on the island are 42.2 miles of paved roads, 25.72 of unpaved roads for a total of 67.92 miles for Sugar Island.
5. The master plan proposed addendum is going to be reviewed and condensed by Jeff Middlestead
6. New Amendment: The Sugar Island planning commission has requested the Sugar Island Township board to pass a new amendment to the bylaws. Kathy Cairns wrote up the new amendment bylaw which was passed by the Sugar Island Planning Commission on February 21, 2022. The amendment reads as follows: If a resident requests any change to the zoning they are required to apply to the Township Board and the Board will pass it on to the Planning Commission. The resident is required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$250.00, at the time of application. When the check clears, the process will begin. This application is valid for 1 year from the date of approval. In a hardship, after 1 year, the applicant may request an extension from the Planning Commission without paying a fee. A public hearing is required. Certified letters with return receipts are to be sent to all residents within a 300 foot radius of the property in question. The resident will be given 15 days for a response.

Notification will be sent to the Chippewa County Commissioners and all utilities for their input.

- 7. The Planning Commission Board is going to look over the language of the Senate bill No. 61 about high watermarks to see how it would correspond with our zoning.**
- 8. Board Comments: Kathy Cairns stated that she would like to look at the size and age of trailers. She would like the year bumped up from 1974 to 2002 for safety reasons. Kathy Cairns would like to see applications added to the zoning book for the highwater mark, waterfront Section 5.07.**
- 9. Adjournment: Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Ryan BehmAll in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Menard – Planning Commission Secretary