

Charlevoix Township Planning Commission

September 27, 2023

Chairperson Ben Owens called the Meeting to order. A roll call vote was taken with Ron Fratrack, JB Hoyt and Bradford Lewis present. Ben Turshak was absent.

All Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Hoyt made the Motion, with Lewis supporting, to approve the minutes as submitted.

Old Business:

Discussed Rik Lobenhertz's proposed development at the Charlevoix County Club.

Master Plan: The next work session is scheduled for Monday October 2.

Affordable Housing: Zach Sompels from Housing North was present to review the Housing Needs Assessment. Data and resources are available at www.housingnorth.org.

Boulder Park: Discussed the issues of the Boulder Park residents. Discussed contacting the business owner to make them aware of the issues. Lewis will draft an email for the Board's review.

New Business:

Zoning Administrator: John Ferguson's report was reviewed and discussed. Discussed the need for a code enforcement officer. Lewis made the Motion with Hoyt supporting, to recommend to the Board to have code enforcement officer including but not limited to blight, short-term rentals and other zoning violations. Suggested money received from short-term rentals applications could be used to help pay for that position. Zach Sompels suggested online services that could help with those matters.

Blight Enforcement: Discussed the concerns and complaints brought to the Board's attention regarding the building currently housing Pearsall Construction. Will draft a letter to them regarding those concerns.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Mindy Joy, Recording Secretary