August 14, 2018

The Portage Township Planning Commission (PC) August 14, 2018 meeting was called to order by chair Melanie Watkins at 7:05 PM. Present were Watkins, Ted Soldan, Dave Rulison, Connie Sherry John Ligon and Peggy Anderson. Guests Bill Fink, and Anne Newcombe were also present.

The minutes from the April 19, 2018 were approved on a motion by Ted, seconded by Peggy, and carried.

The Rental Ordinance was discussed. Implementation of the ordinance was talked about. We need to hire a rental inspector for the township.

Bill Fink talked about a commercial enterprise on Peepsock called U Can Row 2. He said the owners of the business have been sent a letter discussing the zoning in the area where they are operating.

The township master plan was discussed. Chair Watkins said she will appoint a committee of 2 people to read the master plan and make recommendations by the end of the year.

There was some discussion about a replacement for the remainder of Dean Latandresse's term on the planning commission.

Chair Watkins volunteered to look at the work that was done on the stormwater ordinance. She felt she could take the work we did and put it together with the city of Houghton's stormwater ordinance.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be Octover 11, 2018 at 7:00 at the township offices.

A motion was made by Rulison to adjourn at 8:14. The motion was seconded by Sherry and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Soldan, Secretary

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