

Portage Township Planning Commission

Minutes, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, May 11, 2023

Present: Boerman, Griffis, Cronin, Sherry, Soldan, Anderson, Ollila

Public Present: Berner-Korbus, Korbus, Schwenk

- **Public Hearing Called to Order by Soldan at 7:00pm**
- Review of proposed zoning changes. Due to issues with public posting of the proposed changes it was decided that no voting on the changes would take place at this meeting. Action will be taken at the next regular meeting on June 8, 2023.
- **Motion to table the issue until June 8 by Griffis, seconded by Boerman. Carried.**
- Public comments: Question about fences and zoning variances by Korbus. Schwenk asked about stormwater ordinance relationship to the zoning ordinance. Ollila explained that the stormwater ordinance is separate and the purview of the Township Board.
- **Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing by Griffis, seconded by Boerman. Carried**
- **Public Hearing closed at 7:10pm.**

1. **Regular meeting called to order by Soldan at 7:11pm**
2. No additions or changes to agenda.
3. Anderson thanked Sherry for the exceptional quality of the March 23 minutes.
 - **Motion to accept March 23 minutes as printed by Griffis, seconded by Boerman. Carried.**
4. No public comments
5. Zoning Administrator John Ollila walked the Planning Commission through the uses currently defined in the Zoning Ordinance for the Farm-Forest (FF), Rural Residential (RUR), Resort Residential (RER), Lakeshore Residential (LAR), Residential 1, 2, 3, and 4, and Business 1 and 2. No action was taken, discuss called for time.
 - **Motion to table by Griffis, seconded by Boerman. Carried**
6. Keith Meyers not present, Soldan explained there is interest from Chassell in collaborating with the Township on paddling infrastructure on Sturgeon River between Otter Lake and Canal.
7. **Motion to Adjourn by Sherry, seconded by Boerman. Carried**