

## Adams Township Planning Commission

**ATPC meeting was called to order at on March 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson  
Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary  
Paul Eister - Member  
Sherry Kinnunen-Member  
Dan Coponen- Member

Agenda supplied by Chairperson Martha Dugdale.

Sherry made a motion to approve Feb 17, 2022 minutes. Second by Paul. All Yeas- 0 No

Martha asked for any public comment, no public comments.

Guest: Pat Nettle Zoning Administrator and Adams Township Board Member  
Treasure Tracy Immonen present.

Martha said Old Business is the Land use map which Paul supplied everyone on the board with a copy tonight.

Paul addressed Sherry's concerns from last meeting regarding the Business along M26 in Atlantic Mine. Sherry had asked if the business were paying taxes based on it being Zoned Commercial or not, Paul stated he went to the Houghton County Court House and said yes they being taxed accordingly. The properties were assessed by Adams Township Assessor, Lisa Kero (sp).

Martha informed everyone that at the last Adams Township Board Meeting it was decided by the board who our Board of Appeals will be: They are as follows.

### **Board Of Appeals:**

Martha Dugdale

Bill Manderfield

Diane Keranen

### **Zoning Administrator:**

Patrick Nettle

An application was presented to the ATB on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by Martha Dugdale. The ATB accepted the application and decided on a fee of \$25.00 per application will be charged and that fee will go to the Zoning Administrator, Pat Nettle.

Sherri voiced her concerns that we decided on no fee being charged. Martha responded that it was the ATB that determined that a fee will be charged.

It was said that to get a variance or land use change to the zoning it would need to be the property owner asking for the request.

**Land Use Map:** Where there is Commercial property to make sure that it zoned accordingly. Ex: Toivola, Mosquito, D's Camp etc. It was asked; if it is zoned commercial means you can't build a home? The answer is; you can build residential in commercial but not commercial in residential unless you get a land use change. We can make changes to the Land Map but can't change Land Use; Ex; this would go before the Adams Township Board. The Adams Township Planning Commission will need to hold a public hearing once the maps are correct and complete. UP Engineering should be upgrading our maps based on how we outlined the maps.

**M-26 Corridor:** This area would be commercial from Portage Township line to Elm River Township line would be commercial with the exception of Trimountain and Painesdale where there are homes along the corridor. Commercial Properties would run 800' deep from center of M-26. Will need legal descriptions of properties and will need to go before a public hearing prior to being finalized.

- 1- From the Elm River township line thru Toivola to Lake Eva Road on the West side of M-26.
- 2- From Camp Kitwen to Painesdale on the East side of M-26.
- 3- From Trimountain to South Range
- 4- From South Range to the Portage Township line both sides of M-26.

**Recreational:** We discussed what types of recreational activities we as the Commission would like to work on. Pat Nettle suggested the ice rink needs a lot of work and if we were able to get funding to pour a cement floor it could be utilized year round, ex: roller blading, ice skating skateboards etc. Terry suggested adding a Pickle ball court to the existing basketball courts, would need to draw lines and the nets are put up as needed. Playgrounds in the communities would be nice. Playgrounds would need to go on Township Properties. Will need to find out if the township owns properties in the various townships.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM.

Terry made a motion to adjourn, Paul seconded. All Yea, 0 No. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.