

## Adams Township Planning Commission Public Hearing

**ATPC meeting was called to order at on May 2nd, 2022 at 5:45 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson

Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary

Paul Eister - Member

Sherry Kinnunen- Member

Dan Coponen- Absent

Chairperson Martha read a description of the purpose of our meeting which is to go over the revised Zoning Maps and present to the Adams Township Board for approval.

**Open to the Public for Comments:** Dave Mattila is concerned about property he owns along M-26 in Painesdale, he stated it is the location of a previous commercial property that was a gas station. Dave also asked about the corridor along the Chassell Painesdale Road where the “old” mining buildings are situated. Township Attorney Kevin Mackey said in order for it to be considered commercial at this time it would have to be zoned or have continued to be utilized as commercial up to present day. Kevin also suggested that the ATPC change the zoning as mentioned to commercial tonight rather than Dave enquire about a variance down the road. It was explained that a variance would require a public hearing. Guardians of the Keweenaw Ridge member Kathreen Andrews said that she was on the planning Commission in L’Anse she stated it is easier to make changes at this stage. She went on to say that at a Public Hearing there could be resistance requesting a variance.

It was decided that the ATPC would make the necessary changes at this time.

**Sherry made a motion:** to change the zoning to commercial along M-26 to Ontonagon St to Concord St in Painesdale, a small triangle of property. Also along

the Chassell Painesdale Rd to the Portage Township line heading north and 800' back from center of the Chassell Painesdale Rd. **Paul Seconded: All Yes, 0 No's**

**Paul made a Motion:** to present the Zoning Map with the new changes to the ATB. **Sherry Seconded: All Yes, 0 No's.**

Adjournment of Public Meeting at 6:10 PM.

Moved into the Adams Township Meeting where the map as presented was approved.

**Adams Township Planning Commission**

**ATPC meeting was called to order at on May 19th, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson

Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary

Paul Eister - Member

**Absent:**

Sherry Kinnunen-Member

Dan Coponen- Member

**Board Of Appeals:**

Martha Dugdale

Bill Manderfield

Diane Keranen

**Zoning Administrator:**

Patrick Nettle- **Present**

**Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals**

Annette Butina

No public Comment

Paul made a motion to approve both the regular ATPC on May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and Special Public Hearing May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes Martha 2<sup>nd</sup>, All –Ayes 0- No.

Paul stated that ATBS (Adams Township Board Supervisor) Gerry Heikkinen was going to talk with township Attorney, Kevin Mackey on both the Wind and Solar Ordinances.

Martha we should talk about a Recreational Plan for the township. To start we should inventory what the township has for recreational facilities, activities etc. A few items would be: Baseball field as Jeffers High School have a baseball team and need to go to Stanton for home games. Pickleball was an item a resident had brought up at a previous meeting. Martha brought up the Keweenaw Recreational Authority that can be utilized by the township. Will check with them.

Start to work on the Township Survey we want to put out to the community for feedback. Martha had downloaded some samples of Michigan community survey's as examples. Would like to get the survey's out by end of August beginning of September A priority should be the ice rink building, it needs structural repair. Zoning Administrator, Pat Nettle brought up the 2 existing playgrounds in Adams, one in Painesdale behind the post office and the other in Atlantic Mine near the fire hall. We need to check with the township insurance to see what liability the township would have in regard to erecting playground. What guidelines we need to follow as far as what type of playground equipment and ground cover can be used.

Terry stated that Adams Township Office Manager, Heather is able to write grants and we should utilize her if available, she may know where to look for recreational grants.

A motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM was made by Terry, seconded by Paul; All ayes, 0 no

Next meeting will be on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.