

DELTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Delta County Service Center
Monday November 6, 2023

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call. Member(s) present: John Denholm, Charles Lawson, Amy Berglund, Clayton Harris and Bob Petersen. Absent: Curt Larsen and John Malnar
- IV. Approval of the October 2, 2023 minutes.
Motion to approve made by Bob Petersen and seconded by Clayton Harris. Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Motion Carried.
- V. Approval of agenda.
Motion to approve with addition made by Bob Petersen and seconded by Amy Berglund. Vote: Yes-5 No-0. Motion Carried.
- VI. Public Comment. None
- VII. Declaration of Conflict of Interest. None
- VIII. New Business. None
- IX. Unfinished Business.
 - 1. Case 4-23-PC: discussion on whether or not to move forward on rezoning to TD. Should be consistent; community should have input; several areas in Delta County that have mixed zoning; suggestion to drop case and not to table; blanket zoning may create bigger problems.
Motion to not act on case made by Charles Lawson and seconded by Bob Petersen.

Roll Call:	John Denholm	Yes
	Amy Berglund	Yes
	Charles Lawson	Yes
	Bob Petersen	Yes
	Clayton Harris	Yes

Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Motion Carried – Case 4-23-PC Closed
 - 2. MSU Citizen Planner: Amy has begun the online course.
 - 3. Review PC Bylaws: should have representative from the City of Escanaba and Gladstone. The County only does 20% of the zoning.
 - 4. Vacation Rentals – Tabled
 - 5. LSR – Tabled
- X. Correspondence. City of Gladstone sent letter of intent to update their Master Plan.

APPROVED 1/8/2024

XI. Public Comment. Charles Detiege, Ford River Township Zoning Administrator: Master Plan is your guidance for Ordinance; can't change, needs to be in line with Master Plan. Delta County has a lot of zoning districts, Ford River has 6 – RP, R1, R2, RR, AG, COM. If sued, enforcing the ordinance insurance will cover, not enforcing ordinance insurance will not. County doesn't have the same regulations as the Townships or Cities do. In our ordinance we can go after costs. We do not have the authority to go onto someone's property. Allows short-term rentals with special use permit, except in R1; vacation rentals can create safety issues with large numbers of people in one house. There is a \$50 fee for after-the-fact zoning permits.

XII. Board Member Comments.

1. John Denholm – on CUPPAD Board; mandating recycling centers to be shipped to major centers; UP all one unit; ship to Marquette or Sault Ste Marie.
2. Bob Petersen – County was to get rid of zoning the end of last year, but at the last meeting of year it was put back into the County's lap. Townships don't need zoning. No zoning and no enforcement.
3. Clayton Harris – Jack will take offense to this, but why should the County foot the bill for a building inspector when he cannot enforce anything. AG building with slab and later changed to personal use, how's he doing this?
4. Jack Smith – AG building, you continue to repeatedly bring this up; slab was already there and he changed the use of the building, it is stated on permit that we're not responsible for slab, but will inspect building. I'm not going to discuss B&Z Department at this meeting.

XIII. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. made by Bob Petersen and seconded by Charles Lawson.