JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman **DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman**
NATHAN DENOFRE, Commissioner **CHRISTOPHER GRUND, Commissioner**
CARRIE HAIR, Commissioner

Humboldt Township
Planning Commission

Phone 906-339-2927 Fax 906-339-4431

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Chris Grund, Carrie Hair. Excused: Dan Etelamaki, Nate Denofre

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lauren Cavalier, Meagen Morrison, David Bertucci, Elton Luce, III, Elton Luce, Jr Sarah Etelamaki

Election Of Officers: Chris Grund moved to nominate Jim Kippola as Chairman, Supported by Carrie Hair, 3 Ayes, 0 Nayes; 2 Excused. Motion carried. Note: It was decided, due to board attendance, to table election of other officers till next month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 Ayes 0 Nays; 2 Excused. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the December 27, 2021 minutes.
Carrie Hair, Moved; Chris Grund Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays; 2 Excused Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update**
B) **Zoning Ordinance Update**

These two agenda items were addressed together. As an update, chairman Kippola has been in contact with Jason McCarthy, consultant, and plans to meet with Mr. McCarthy next week to set up work session days.

C) **Land Acquisition/Conveyance Policy**

This will continue to be a work in progress. Mr. Kippola will continue to work on the wording of these two policies. Mr. Grund noted an area of change in the Conveyance Policy under "Finding of Public Purpose" as it relates to a private citizen/resident purchasing the land for personal use not public use. Mr. Grund also noted an

area of change under Land Acquisition, Establish Fund. Suggesting it may be cleaner to run any acquisitions through the General Fund rather than establishing a fund for purchases that may not happen in the foreseeable future unless a specific need has been identified.

D) **2016 By-Laws: Motion: Chris Grund to approve the 2022 By-Laws and submit to Township Board, Carrie Hair, Support: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Excused. Motion carried.**

E) **Eagle Mine Treatment Plant: Three representatives from Eagle Mine submitted an informational document and gave a brief presentation on the status of Eagle Mine focusing on the construction of the new ZLD Treatment plant as it pertained to the zoning permit applied for. Chairman Kippola was asked by the zoning administrator, in accordance with ordinance requirements, to have the Planning Commission review the application due the size of the structure (exceeds 2500 square feet). Chairman Kippola addressed the steps involved in approving this permit, going over Section 604, 605 Requirements and Section 606 procedures. A discussion of application of standards for approval was held. Commissioner Hair asked the applicants about the future status of the proposed buildings post closure, Chairman Kippola emphasized to Eagle Representatives the need to provide further documentation should there be any changes or modification to the site plan documents presently before the Commission. As there were no findings of inconsistency of standards provided in the ordinance, Chris Grund moved to authorize the Zoning Administrator to apply the requirements of the ordinance for the issuance of the zoning permit to Eagle Mine. Carrie Hair, Supported, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays; 2 Excused. Motion Carried**

F) **2021 Annual Report: Chairman Kippola presented the 2021 Annual report of the Humboldt Township Planning Commission. Chris Grund, Moved to accept the 2021 Annual report and that it be submitted to the Humboldt Township Board for approval. Carrie Hair, Supported. 3 Ayes, 0 Nayes, 2 Excused. Motion Carried.**

New Business

No new business under consideration at this time.

REPORTS:

A) **Zoning Administrator: None**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Both Elton Luce, III and Elton Luce Jr., of the Circle L5 HR LLC, 1325 Co. Rd. FI, Champion MI 49814, addressed the board concerning their previously issued conditional use permit. They are wanting to amend this permit which would allow harvesting a hunt from a guided vehicle if opportunity presented itself. Currently, the understanding is that hunting will only be done from a blind, with a guide present. Chairman Kippola suggested to the Luce's that they put their request for clarification in writing for further consideration from the planning commission at a subsequent meeting. board.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.
Chris Grund; Moved. Carrie Hair, Supported 3 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried

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Regular Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Chris Grund, Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Elton Luce, III, Elton Luce, Jr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the March 28, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Mr. Elton Luce, Jr

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**
B) **Zoning Ordinance Update**

These two items addressed as one. Jason McCarthy, our consultant, could not attend meeting as was planned due to illness. Mr. McCarthy did however provide an update to the Humboldt Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 2 – Definitions. These definitions arrived after the printing of the board packet making this the first time the Planning Commission members were seeing them. Discussion ensued and it was noted that some wording would need clarification. This will be discussed with Mr. McCarthy when he attends next month's meeting.

C) Luce request to review Conditional Use Policy

Mr. Luce Senior and Junior were in attendance to discuss a potential change to their current hunting policy. They wanted to discuss this with the planning commission and how it would apply to the current conditional use policy. Mr. Luce Sr. was particularly concerned over a memory of a statement he may have made in reference to the use of blinds while hunting. (Which is part of their regular practice and fully detailed on the plot maps of the ranch) The Luces, gave a brief history of the opening of their business, Bucket List Whitetails, a game ranch within

Humboldt Township. They provided details on how it was/is set up, how it functions, and how it is maintained. They detailed the multiple levels of safety procedures and guidelines followed, including all general hunting guidelines provided by the MIDNR such as safe shooting hours, building and property line setbacks. Other procedures included signed agreements with regards to drugs and alcohol use, target shooting before hunting and that all clients will be accompanied by a professional guide at all times.
There was a preliminary review and discussion of the conditional use permit currently on file. Chairman Kippola indicated that after his review of the CUP file, it is clear the permit authorizes the use of blinds as shown on the site plan. It also indicates that all hunts within the Ranch as being supervised by the operators. (Mutually exclusive). The spirit of the conversation was favorable to the change, however without a formal request to amend the current permit there was no vote and no decisions made. It was clearly stated to both Mr. Luce Senior and Junior that the Planning Commission, on behalf of Humboldt Township is always available should there be any changes in the operating of the "Bucket List Whitetails" game ranch, and that there is a process to make amendments to the current permit if they decided to make changes to their practices that would contrast with the current conditional use permit. It was noted that there was already one amendment to the permit on file and that, we the commissioners, would be fully understanding that business models evolve as the business ages and they may request amendments at a later time.

D) Land Acquisition/Conveyance Policy
This continues to be a work in progress for the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Nate Denofre – Letter of Resignation**
Mr. Denofre submitted his letter of resignation dated 4/21/2022. The Planning Commission members wish to thank Mr. Denofre for this service and Mr. Kippola will be sending him a letter on behalf of the members.

REPORTS:

A) **Zoning Administrator - No new permits**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Dan Etelamaki Moved. Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman CARRIE HAIR, Secretary
CHRISTOPHER GRUND, Commissioner

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Regular Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki. Chris Grund Excused.

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary
Sarah Etelamaki, Township Clerk

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; 1 Excused Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the July 25, 2022 minutes with corrections
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; 1 Excused Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**

Mr. Jason McCarthy could not make the meeting due to scheduling conflicts, but he did send an update of his work so far. He recommends scheduling a public input session/open house as required of the Recreation Plan. Chairman Kippola asked that fellow commissioners review his updates and come prepared to the next meeting with comments and concerns. At Chairman Kippola's recommendation, it was decided to address the Recreation Inventory as presented by Mr. McCarthy last month and add any future plans for these areas.

1. **Humboldt Township Park:**
   Bridge over the dam on the east side
   Expand the existing Pavilion
   Add additional parking on the east side of the park
   Adding exercise "fit strip"
   Additional playground equipment

2. **Humboldt Township Hall:**
   Construct Recreational Facility such as a half court gym to include exercise equipment, indoor bathrooms and showers. Should double as an emergency use facility.
   Paved walkways to include botanical garden

3. **Humboldt Township Baseball Field:**
   Design modifications to reflect multi use court - Hard and softball field
   Tennis/pickle ball courts
   Expand for Parking

4. **Horseshoe Court: Further development to be discussed later**

5. **Fish Lake Access Site:**
   Develop a site plan
   Expand dock facility to include kayak launching
   Improve access area and parking lot
   Possible restroom facility

6. **Humboldt Township Basketball Court:**
   Parking
   Relocating playground equipment located on the Township hall site
   Bathroom facility
   Picnic Table

7. **Tower Lake Site:**
   Trail development including coordinating trails with adjacent townships.
   Interpretive Signs
   Hiring a consultant to develop a "re-use" plan

8. **Republic Mines Wetland Preserve:**
   Continue to work with neighboring Township
   Trail Development
   Bird Watching

9. **Iron Ore Heritage Trail:**
   Recommend to the Township Board to put on the ballot and let voters decide
   Seek help from the Heritage trail authority on how to present and inform voters

10. **Other Area Recreation Facilities:**
    Addition input including developing Moose view area, Dark Sky Park

B) **Zoning Ordinance Update - Continues to be a work in progress**
C) **Baseball Diamond discussed during Inventory Update**

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS:

A) Zoning Administrator :
   1. **Rezoning M-95 Junction: Application was sent back to applicant for correction and further information.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:40
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; 1 Excused Motion Carried..

DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman CARRIE HAIR, Secretary
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Regular Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Chris Grund, Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary
Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jason McCarthy, Nicholas Ustick, Marie Ustick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the June 27, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Kippola passed along information of the upcoming MSU Training opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Public hearing: Conditional Use Permit CUP 2022-01

Opened at 6:10 Chairman Kippola reviewed the conditional use application and stated that it was in compliance with zoning Article 7 section 12: A – F and his recommendation was to approve the permit. Motion by Dan Etelamaki to approve the conditional use permit CUP 2022-01, Supported by Carrie Hair. The Planning commission's work is now complete on this conditional use permit. The zoning administrator is now free to finish the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit. Under public comment the applicants Marie and Nicholas Ustick requested fire numbers and naming of the shared road for their property and four neighbor. Supervisor Jeff Ogea addressed this question and stated that this was also requested by one of the afore mentioned neighbors. He stated that "Whiskey Creek" was the requested road name and that the fire numbers were being worked on. The township needs to verify that our number system works with neighboring townships to help all emergency personnel locate citizens. Public hearing adjourned 6:18

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**

B) **Zoning Ordinance Update**

Mr. Jason McCarthy, our consultant, was present and gave updates on items A and B. Mr. McCarthy provided a hard copy of the updated Recreation Inventory for Humboldt Township. He again reiterated that he is following the MNRTF (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund) guidelines, so the township will be on track for applying for grants to help attain our township goals. After highlighting the updates, his request was to ask planning commission members to read over the information and pass along any corrections or other inputs. General discussion followed with Chairman Kippola commenting on the Inventory map suggesting water features be included and interpreted historical and heritage sites with signage. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail will have a representative at the Aug. 8, 2022 board meeting; this was presented as an opportunity for Planning commissioners to receive info on the trail system. Discussion then moved on to updating the zoning ordinance. Mr. McCarthy stated that he had updated the definitions with the requested clarifications for terms. He is also looking for direction from the commission as to where and what Humboldt Township would like to see in their ordinances to reflect the future of the township. A work session will be set up to address this. There was a general discussion of the zoning of wood boilers, business districts and commercial ownership of private dwellings and "air bnb" type rentals, also of land-ownership and investment of Corporations, pensions and real estate trusts into smaller communities around the globe and how it has impacted home ownership, whether it could impact us in the future, and if there is a place for the planning and zoning of a township to address Commercial ownership of properties. Mr Mcarthy will look into this area of zoning and will potentially have more info at our next meeting.

C) Cemetery Update

Chairman Kippola informed the planning commission that great progress is being made with regards to updating the cemetery records and submitting digital copies to TriMedia. The digital system is getting populated.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit CUP 2022-01

Previously moved up to accommodate for time restraints.

B) Eagle Mine Closure

Chairman Kippola informed the planning commission that general discussion is ongoing between Eagle Mine and Humboldt Township regarding the upcoming closure of the Eagle Mine. Chairman Kippola has requested information and statistics as to the employment of locals with the mine and other pertinent info that may help us know what the impact of the mine closure will look like and ways that we can mitigate the negative impact on our community.

REPORTS:

A) Zoning Administrator

Chairman Kippola continues to monitor the zoning needs of the M-95 junction. Present Assessor has found several building discrepancies which may result in building permit issuances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: Dan Etelamaki spoke about the possibility of working with NICE Community Schools to update our current softball field into a hard ballfield. NICE does not currently have a baseball team and this looks to be a reasonable option that would benefit the community and our youth. This is an ongoing discussion and Dan is gathering information as it becomes available, to present to the Humboldt Township board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Chris Grund Moved. Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Chris Grund, Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki

STAFF PRESENT: **Betty Grund, Recording Secretary**
Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

STAFF ABSENT: **Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator**

PUBLIC PRESENT: **Jason McCarthy and Tom Prophet**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the April 25, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

Discussion notes from the May 23, 2022 canceled Planning Commission meeting were presented and will be placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**
B) **Zoning Ordinance Update**

Mr. Jason McCarthy, our consultant, was present and gave updates on items A and B. Mr. McCarthy has stated that he is following DNR procedures and what they require as he is working through these updates as this will lend itself to any future grant applications. Chairman Kippola has taken Mr. McCarthy on a site tour of Humboldt Township giving him background information of the properties. Mr. McCarthy distributed copies of Humboldt Township's current 4.0 Recreation Inventory which expired in 2020 with the intention that the board members read over what is currently written and offer any additions or changes they wish to submit. Chairman Kippola suggested adding the rivers that flow through Humboldt Township to the Recreation Inventory Map. Chairman Kippola also mentioned possibly adding historical sites such as the Edison Marker located across from Wolfe Lake

Road to the map. Mr. McCarthy provided updated copies to the Humboldt Township Zoning Ordinance Article 2 – Proposed Definitions where he updated terms presented to him from the previous meeting, offering clarifications where needed. General discussion followed mostly about what the goals and objectives going forward for Humboldt Township as he will be working to put forth a draft to this section of the recreation plan. Mr. McCarthy continues to take input from the board as to where Humboldt Township wants to go. Mr. McCarthy also informed the board that he will arrange to have a public meeting sometime in the future where Humboldt Township residents will have their chance to view what is being proposed and give input on what they would like to see within the township. There was some discussion about more bike paths and potentially updating the softball field to a baseball field.

D) Land Acquisition/Conveyance Policy

This continues to be a work in progress for the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Town Development District – Koski Korner's Area

Chairman Kippola provided the members with zoning maps of the area around the M-95 junction. There was general discussion about the boundary lines that are zoned Township Development. The question was whether or not these boundary lines needed to be adjusted. The consensus was to leave the lines as they currently are with the understanding that they could/should be changed to allow room for a business if the need arose.

REPORTS:

A) Zoning Administrator

Zoning Administrator currently working through violations that come to his attention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeff Ogea brought up the possibility of paving the parking lot at some point in the future. discussion ensued about keeping the lot and building handicap accessible, i.e. getting the grades set to accomodate what is already done.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Dan Etelamaki Moved. Carrie Hair, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman **JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman** **CARRIE HAIR, Secretary**
NATHAN DENOFRE, Commissioner **CHRISTOPHER GRUND, Commissioner**

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Regular Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Chris Grund, Nate Denofre, Carrie Hair, Excused; Dan Etelamaki

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jason McCarthy, Christa Denofre, Tom Prophet (arriving at 7:00 P.M.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Chris Grund, Moved; Nate Denofre, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; 1 Excused; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the February 28, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Nate Denofre, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; 1 Excused; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Recreation 5 Year Plan Update

Jason McCarthy, our consultant, was present. Mr McCarthy emphasized the benefit of keeping our Recreation plan current and up to date. Mentioned uses included facilitate tracking Township's goals and budget, meeting grantor obligations, keeping data current with respect to the taxpayer, and using the plan if/when the Township intended to seek any outside funding. Mr. McCarthy will use the township level data that is now available from the 2020 census to update the demographic data in the recreation plan. The administrative structure needs updating and will now include Bryant Lazenby as head of maintenance. Township inventory was then discussed; the baseball field, the basketball court, horseshoe pits, the lot at Fish Lake with its recently installed floating dock and the basketball court near Black River. Also brought up was the Tower Lake Project and possible uses which might include developing trails for hiking, biking, etc, the possibility of connecting to the Heritage trail was discussed at this time. Mr. McCarthy shared some idea that might be applicable to area including Geo Caching, Bird Watching, Board walks and historical sight information signage. Chairman Kippola said he spoke with someone in Republic about perhaps joining them in trail development. There are also potential wetland viewing opportunities near our shared border with Republic Township. Mr. McCarthy discussed that working with our

neighbors, updating our plans, and having conceptual renderings all help in getting (approved) accepted for grant money., the Chairman Kippola brought up the township site plan and a need for updating it. Discussion ensued about the new playground equipment, the new ice-skating rink, and also the condition of the horseshoe pits. Mr. McCarthy discussed a possible timeline in getting our Recreation plan and zoning ordinance updated. He hopes to have a draft put together for next month's meeting and perhaps hold those public input meetings in June or July.

B) Zoning Ordinance Update

Mr. McCarthy said the Township's zoning ordinances were not in bad shape they just needed some tweaking. He indicated one of his key areas of concern would be the definitions section which he plans on addressing. Discussion on short-term rentals, mine closure and the conditional use ordinance followed.

C) Land Acquisition/Conveyance Policy

This continues to be open for discussion at further meetings. Chairman Kippola will continue to review the drafts for clarity.

D) Election of remaining officers

Mr. Kippola asked for nominations for the Vice Chairperson position. Nate Denofre nominated Dan Etelamaki and this was confirmed by a show of hands. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; 1 Excused; Motion Carried. Chairman Kippola asked for nominations for the Secretary position. Chairman Kippola nominated Carrie Hair. This was confirmed by a show of hands. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; 1 Excused; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

REPORTS:

A) Zoning Administrator - No new permits

Chairman Kippola did comment on the work being done by ATC along the Wolfe Lake area, has brought to light that the Township has no ordinance regarding sub stations in the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Carrie Hair Moved. Nate Denofre, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried

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CHRISTOPHER GRUND, Commissioner

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Regular Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Kippola, Carrie Hair, Chris Grund. Dan Etelamaki Excused

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jason McCarthy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Carrie Hair, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried 1 Excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the October 24, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried. 1 Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Marquette County Planning Commission, in support of rezoning parcel 52-06-203-029-00.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Recreation 5 Year Plan – Mr. McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy was present and provided a working draft of the 2023 – 2027 Recreation Plan. Mr. McCarthy and the Planning Commission members did a page-by-page review of the draft presented. Several additions and edits were made which Mr. McCarthy stated he will incorporate into a final draft. Mr. McCarthy felt he could have these corrections and notations updated by the end of this week. When those changes are made, he will forward a copy via email to Chairman Kippola and Sarah Etelamaki, Office Manager and upon approval of this draft he will create a memo and circulate it to the appropriate adjacent townships and Marquette County for the thirty (30) day review as required. Tentatively a Public Hearing will be scheduled for January 23, 2023, to, once again, keep the public informed and give final input. If all goes well a final resolution could be drafted for the February 13, 2023, Humboldt Township Board meeting.

B) Zoning Ordinance Update – Tabled till next year

C) M-95 Rezoning

Planning Commission members were informed that the new rezoning ordinance had been passed by the Humboldt Township Board at their monthly meeting. Notice of this decision was ran in the Mining Journal on November 21, 2022. Mr. McCarthy stated that we could use a copy of that notice for supporting documentation.

New BUSINESS:

A) **2023 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule**

It was noted that the fourth (4th) Monday of December 2023 lands on Christmas day, consequently, the meeting will be held one week earlier on Monday, December 18, 2023.
Motion to accept the meeting schedule with the December 18, 2023, meeting date.
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Supported; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried 1 Excused.

B) **5 Year Road Improvement and Prioritization Plan**

This will be a work in progress, to be addressed in the coming months.

C) **Capital Improvement Ideas**

List present by the Humboldt Township Board to the Planning Commission and will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Reports:

A) Zoning Administrator:
1. **None**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:40
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried. 1 Excused

DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman CARRIE HAIR, Secretary
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Regular Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki. Chris Grund, Jim Kippola, Excused

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Supervisor, Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Belpedio, Matt Eliason, Dennis Eliason, Stan Starr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried 1 Excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of the September 26, 2022 minutes
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried. 1 Excused

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:
In the interest of time new business was addressed before old business.

A) Public Hearing

Called to Order: 6:03 P.M.
Zoning Map Amendment Application as presented by Mr. Matt Eliason. The purpose is to rezone from Residential to Town Development, the property addressed as 250 M-95 North, Champion, Mi 49814. Discussion between board members and applicant – Boundary lines of the property were clarified. Vice Chair Etelamaki noted that the applicant would further have to comply with all township ordinances on the use of this property. Applicant was in total agreement and indicated understanding between permitted uses and conditional uses as it applies to Humboldt Township. No written public comment. Under public comment Mr. Starr asked for clarification between Residential and Town Development which Vice Chairman Etelamaki provided. He also wanted clarification of the actual site, (behind the current restaurant and motel establishment) which he was given. The motion presented was to recommend the approval of the Zoning Map Amendment Application and forward it to the Humboldt Township Board.
Chris Grund, Moved; Carrie Hair, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried. 1 Excused
Public Hearing closed 6:18 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**

B) **Zoning Ordinance Update –**

It was decided that any discussion on the above items would be tabled until after the Recreation Plan Public Input Session which will take place this Thursday October 27, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

A) Zoning Administrator:

1. None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 6:40
Carrie Hair, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 3 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried. 1 Excused

DAN ETELAMAKI, Vice Chairman JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman CARRIE HAIR, Secretary
CHRISTOPHER GRUND, Commissioner

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Regular Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Humboldt Township Hall

Chairman Kippola called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Carrie Hair, Dan Etelamaki. Chris Grund.

STAFF PRESENT: Betty Grund, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: Robert Flynn, Jason McCarthy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Carrie Hair, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Approval of corrected July 25, 2022 minutes, Approval of August 22, 2022 minutes and approval of CUP Notice of Decision
Chris Grund, Moved; Dan Etelamaki , Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

A) **Recreation 5 Year Plan Update**

Mr. Jason McCarthy present and submitted a draft of Recreation Plan update, seeking additional concerns or comments. Planning Commission members seemed in favor of what was presented, with the addition of placing Historic Markers to the trail system, and an attempt to bring the old ice skating rink into the parks of Humboldt. General discussion involving the opportunity of working with members of the Ramba trail and Republic Township and the benefits of doing so. A public input session will be scheduled for October 27, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Mr. McCarthy will supply the information need to circulate the information to the public including the Mining Journal, Humboldt Township website and Humboldt Facebook page.

B) **Zoning Ordinance Update –**

Areas of concern are:

1. **Definitions**

2. **Seasonal and year-round zoning around the lake properties**
3. **Short term rentals**
4. **Shipping containers**

NEW BUSINESS:
The Planning Commission members reviewed the road paving schedule sent by the Marquette County Road commission.
Motion to accept the schedule as presented.
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

A) **Zoning Administrator:**
   1. **Rezoning M-95 Junction: Still a work in progress at this point**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion: To adjourn meeting at 7:40
Chris Grund, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Support; 4 ayes 0 Nays; Motion Carried..