

MINUTES
City of Alpena Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2018
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Wayne Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Mitchell, Gilmore, VanWagoner, Lewis, Austin, Wojda

ABSENT: Boboltz, Sabourin, Kirschner

STAFF: Adam Poll (Director of Planning & Development), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 21, 2018, minutes were approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION: None

BUSINESS: Comprehensive Plan Update

Boboltz was unable to attend the meeting but emailed Poll some items in the Comp Plan that need addressing. Poll addressed the Planning Commission with some of these and other members also added a few more that need to be updated. Poll has only received Chapter 3 so far. Poll also added he is hoping to get Steve from NEMCOG here for the public hearing in December or January.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

REPORTS:

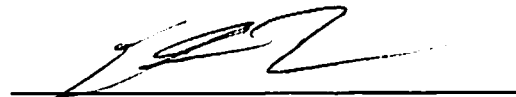
1. Development Update: Poll stated that there are still potential priority sites for sale around the City such as the former Alpena Power site and the Memorial Hall Building. Poll added that he hopes things are moving in the right direction. There are

people interested in financing a deal just need to find the right developer. The focus right now is on mixed use buildings. Lewis questioned what was happening with the NOAA property by the River. Poll explained that a Coastal Zone Management grant was applied for but was denied. DNR funding might be available but it is a long process.

CALL TO PUBLIC: None

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Wojda explained that a recent case has come up that is going to affect how the Planning Commission takes future action with making motions. VanWagoner questioned the possibility of a potential parking garage downtown that he heard about. Poll stated that there has been some discussion but it's not something that is moving forward at this time. Mitchell questioned the ordinances governing smoking in public spaces. Poll stated that a council member had brought up a possible ban on either smoking in public places or a ban on all tobacco products. Mitchell expressed concern with clarifying no tobacco use and marijuana use if a ban or marijuana use does pass.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary.


Wayne Lewis, Secretary