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Planning & Development

City of Alpena Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report

The City of Alpena Planning Commission is made up of nine members. They regularly meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 208 N First Avenue. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, and new or old business, any communications, and reports from staff regarding development or any programs the City is involved, and finally a call to the public, and member's comments.

Planning Commission members included: Paul Sabourin (Chairman), Randy Boboltz (Vice Chairman), Wayne Lewis (Secretary), Blake Austin, Gretchen Kirschner, Clay VanWagoner, Dan Mitchell, Matt Wojda, and Steve Gilmore.

Topics that came to the forefront this year and were discussed by the Planning Commission (PC) included significant changes to the laws regarding signage, which stemmed from the Supreme Court Case Reed v. Town of Gilbert Arizona, as well as beginning the Comprehensive Plan update.

In addition, the PC regularly discussed in their report section any ongoing development projects. This year's development reports included regular updates regarding the new Northland Area Federal Credit Union headquarters construction on Bagley avenue, the construction of the splash park at starlight beach and Besser Senior Living Center construction updates.

PC members and City Staff are encouraged to attend training opportunities below are a list of opportunities attended-

Planning and Zoning essentials – Gretchen Kirschner

Citizen Planner Series (Cheboygan)- Gretchen Kirschner

FEMA Flood Map Revision Session – Adam Poll and Steve Gilmore

MEDC Proforma Training (Grayling)- Adam Poll





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PC Meeting Dates and Case Summaries:

January 9, 2018- Reviewed changes to Zoning Ordinance regarding signage, and reviewed chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan.

February 13, 2018- 18-TXT-01 Reviewed and adopted changes to Zoning Ordinance regarding signage to reflect content neutral regulations.

April 10, 2018- 18-Z-01 Reviewed and approved request to rezone 212 S Eighth from R-2 to R-T Two Family Residence District.

June 12, 2018- 18-Z-02 Reviewed and approved a request to rezone 316 Cavanaugh from R-2 to P-1 Vehicular parking area to act as parking for a neighboring industrial development.

Reviewed Comprehensive Plan online survey.

August 21, 2018- 18-SU-01 Reviewed and approved a special use permit to allow a daycare at 313 W Clark Street in an R-2 district.

October 9, 2018- Reviewed Comprehensive Plan for update.

November 20, 2018- 18-SU-02 reviewed and approved special permit to allow for a secondary dwelling at 633 W Miller Street

Resumed discussion on Medical Marijuana.

