

CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Kobe at 5:32 pm.

Present: Commissioners Jeff McMahon, Roxanne King and Chris Green

Absent: David Geisler

Vacant: None

Also present: Pat Coleman (North of 45, LLC)

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Appointment of Secretary

Chair Kobe led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon to appoint Commissioner Green as secretary for this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon to accept the agenda as prepared.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

IV. AGENDA

A. Petitions from the Public – None

B. Acceptance of the Minutes

Discussion on names: should first name only be used at the beginning?

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of October 8, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

NOTE: Arrangements need to be made for Commissioner McMahon to take the Oath of Office.

C. Request for Variance from Emily Shram

The correct request is for a “Conditional Use”; a “variance” is for a change in zoning dimensional requirements. During a discussion the Planning Commission considered the proposed use (an eatery) to be an acceptable conditional use.

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon to encourage the applicant to apply to the Village Council for a Conditional Use.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

D. MSU Extension Citizen Planner Program

Reminder of available online classes.

E. Village of Calumet Zoning Ordinance: Finding Funds – Update

Moved by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon to recommend North of 45, LLC (Pat Coleman) to be hired to prepare a new Zoning Ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

F. Village of Calumet Master Plan and Village of Calumet Capital Improvement Plan – Update

No update at this time.

G. New Business

1. An above-board alternative to e-mail for between-meeting correspondence

Chair Kobe suggested the possibility of using FaceBook as a means of transparent communication between commissioners between meetings. The idea needs to be further investigated to determine if this would conflict with the Open Meetings Act.

H. Adjourn

Move to adjourn by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McMahon.

Motion carried unanimously (4/0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Green 13 November 2019