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Planning, Development, & Zoning

City of Alpena Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report

The City of Alpena Planning Commission is made up of nine members. The Commission regularly meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 208 N First Avenue. Members of the Commission and public may also attend virtually via Go To Meeting. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, unfinished or new business, communications, reports from staff, a call to the public, and member's comments.

Planning Commission members at the start of CY 2020 included: Paul Sabourin (Chairman), Randy Boboltz (Vice Chairman), Wayne Lewis (Secretary), Blake Austin, Gretchen Kirschner, Clay VanWagoner, Dan Mitchell, Matt Wojda, and Steve Gilmore; see details below for changes in Planning Commission members, as well as Planning, Development, and Zoning staff.

PC Meeting Dates and Case Summaries:

February 11, 2020 – Joint CIP Meeting – The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan is discussed

June 16, 2020 – P.C. Case No. 20-SU-01 – Approved a Special Use Permit request by Framon manufacturing Company, INC, located at 1201 & 1209 W. Chisholm St, to operate a U-Haul automotive leasing business in the B-2 General Business Zoning District.

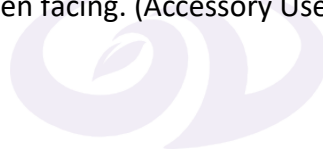
In Business – Changes to the Comprehensive Plan, Chapters 7,9, and Final Goals and Objectives were discussed.

In Reports – Discussion on the update of Zoning Tax Amendments; The Medical Marihuana application process is discussed.

July 22, 2020 – Reviewed edits and changes to the Final Draft Comprehensive Plan. Plan is approved.

Reports – Commission discussion about Zoning Text changes for vehicles and vegetation.

September 15, 2020 – Discussion on Zoning Text changes to alleviate concerns with enforcement issues the City had been facing. (Accessory Uses, Seasonal Use Sales)





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October 13, 2020 – Andrea Kares, the new City Planner and Economic Development Director was introduced.

In Public Hearing and Commission Action - Planning Commission adopted resolution changes to the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

November 11, 2020 – Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission and Recreation Board

Business – The City’s Master Recreation Plan is required to be updated every 5 years if the City wishes to be eligible for grants through the DNR. The current plan covers years 2016-2020, and therefore needs to be updated and submitted by February 1, 2021. The process for the submittal is discussed.

December 8, 2020 – Kathleen Sauve, the new planning Commission Recording Secretary is introduced.

Diane Bauer, Clair Kostelic and Christie Werda are introduced as new Planning Commission members.

Steve Gilmore accepted the position of Secretary, due to Wayne Lewis no longer being on the Commission.