

Charter Township of Portage
Planning Commission Minutes
September 26, 2018 (Wednesday)

Members Present: Peggy Lee Anderson, Melanie Kueber Watkins, Constance Sherry, Ted Soldan (arrived late) & Bruce Petersen

Members Absent: John Ligon, Dave Rulison

Public Present: (See Affixed Sign-In list – 13 in Total)

Planning Commission Chair Melanie Kuber Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. at the Township Office. (**Quorum Numbers were not present**)

The minutes from the meeting on August 16, 2018 were reviewed – only a date change from the 14th to the 16th was noted as needing changing.

Discussion Items:

1.) The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Gary and Amy Moyle concerning the Great lakes Mineral sand pit siting on the north side of the Chassell-Painesdale Road in Section 33. This would involve removing sand using a flat approach in to the side of an existing slope. Gary handed out a proposal to the members identifying the location, access roads, the sand source location and the erosion and runoff proposed prevention measures. The entire area is a well washed/graded excessively drained Kalkaska sand. The company has a down payment on the 56 acre parcel of land of which the 5 acre sand source will be located. They are seeking a “special use permission” in a Rural Residential Zoning district before the land in question is purchased.

There were many concerns expressed by the public who were present at this special P.C. Meeting: Dust abatement, groundwater pollution, proximity to an existing residence, erosion and runoff in to adjacent watercourses, noise

levels, eventual size of the sand source, truck traffic and exhaust braking, etc.

2.) The next item on the agenda was the Storm Water Runoff Ordinance. The P.C. will continue towards the Twp's. Runoff Ordinance's completion and the ultimate presentation to the Board of Trustees for ordinance acceptance. The Twp.'s ordinance was patterned after the Traverse City runoff ordinance. The City of Houghton has a runoff ordinance in place that states any new development/ construction must meter out storm runoff at the pre-development rate.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 11, a Thursday at 7:00PM at the township office. The Moyle "Special Use" will once again be discussed then.

Peggy made a motion, supported Melanie to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Petersen
For Ted Soldan

P.C. meeting

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- 1.) Donald Manninen
- 2.) ~~Clarence Alan Mann~~
- 3.) Anthony and Brenda Papke
- 4.) Ken Munnun
- 5.) Sandy Manninen
- 6.) Gary Moyle
- 7.) Amy Moyle
- 8.) Mahissa Wichman
- 9.) ~~Melanie Wichman~~
- 10.) Jacob Manchester
- 11.) Lynn Manchester
12. Larry Harter
- 13 Jenna Harter.

October 11th next P.C.
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