

MINUTES
City of Alpena Planning Commission
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
March 9, 2021
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Randy Boboltz, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Kirschner, Bauer, Boboltz, Kostelic, Wojda, Gilmore, Werda

ABSENT: Sabourin, VanWagoner

STAFF: Andrea Kares (Planning & Development Director), Kathleen Sauve (Recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Joint Planning Commission/CIP meeting February 17, 2021, minutes were approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

P.C. Case #21-SU-01. Taishaw M. Thomas has requested a special use permit to allow for a secondary dwelling unit at 315 South Ninth Avenue. The property is in the R-2 zoning district. Secondary Dwelling Units require a special use permit in this zoning district.

Nobody was present from the public or to represent the applicant. Boboltz suggested we go directly into deliberation on this issue. Everyone is in agreement that no formal reading is required and would like to go directly to deliberation.

Motion made by Gilmore to approve the special use permit. ***Seconded by Wojda.***

Ayes: Wojda, Kirschner, Boboltz, Gilmore, Bauer, Kostelic, Werda

Nays: None

Absent: Vanwagoner, Sabourin

Motion approved by a vote of 7-0.

Member Update: Kares announces that moving forward, all meetings will be held in person. All meetings will still be recorded and on GoTo Meetings, although it is expected that all members will attend in person if able and comfortable doing so. Wojda questions if members are permitted to appear virtually or if they have to be in person for quorum purposes. Kares states that it is okay to appear in person or online.

Member comments: Boboltz questions what is going on with the progress of the new microbrewery downtown. Donald Gilmet (retired City of Alpena Building Official) says he thinks they just slowed down in light of occupancy restrictions and Covid. He said the last time he was there they had all the drywall up and finished and their next inspection is really just going to be a final inspection. He thinks after restrictions get loosened up some more, they will likely push forward with hopes of a summer opening. The name of the brewery is Inspiration Brewery.

Gilmore says he is happy to see that the fire damaged home on the corner of Washington and Lewis is finally starting to be demolished. Kares says it should be demolished sometime in the next week.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m., by Boboltz, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

Steve Gilmore, Secretary