

MINUTES  
City of Alpena Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
October 13, 2020  
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Paul Sabourin, Planning Commission Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Sabourin, Lewis, Gilmore, Kirschner, VanWagoner, Wojda

ABSENT: Boboltz, Austin,

STAFF: Don Gilmet (Building Official), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Sabourin requested that under the Business Section, move meeting the new City Planner and Economic Development Director before the approval of the minutes. Agenda was approved as amended.

BUSINESS:

Introduce Andrea Kares, the City's new Planner and Economic Development Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15, 2020, minutes was approved as printed

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION: |

Draft Comprehensive Plan:

Gilmet stated that there have been a few updates on the plan. The following are comments received during the 60 day comment period. The draft plan was submitted to the county, township, utilities and the railroad for review and comments. Lewis pointed out that Leavesley owns some of the lots that are listed available for purchase on Commerce Industrial Park under the Priority Redevelopment Sites chapter so the total number of 12 lots available is incorrect. Gilmet stated that Lake State Railway wanted wording in red to be added in to the Comp Plan. "Lake State Railway also services a number of customers via Trans loading (truck-to-rail and rail-to-truck reloading) at their rail yard in Alpena". They also want the plan to read: "Additionally, Lake State Railway was a recipient of an FY19 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant to strategically replace 30 miles of rail on the line. This allows rail users to utilize 286,000 lb. GRL capacity railcars for shipments. Lake State Railway also

helps rail customers leverage the Michigan Department of Transportation's Freight Economic Development Program (FEDP) grant, which is a grant program that pay 50% of the costs to construct a rail spur or siding for rail users".

Under the Non-Motorized Transportation chapter, strike the wording that states: "Current project is to improve the trail from Franklin Street to M-65 in 2019" and replace with "The current project for the Alpena to Hillman Rail Trail is planned for construction in late 2020 and into 2021 and will extend from Franklin Street in Alpena westerly to the carpool lot located on M-32 in Herron.

After reviewing the language of the proposed resolution, ***motion made by Wojda*** to adopt the resolution as printed. ***Seconded by Lewis.***

Ayes: Kirschner, Wojda, Lewis, Sabourin, VanWagoner, Gilmore

Nay: None

Absent: Boboltz, Austin

Motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS: None received. Gilmet introduced Diane Bauer who will be joining the Planning Commission if appointed by the Mayor.

CALL TO PUBLIC: None

MEMBER'S COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m., by Sabourin, Planning Commission Chair.

  
Secretary