

MINUTES  
City of Alpena Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 10, 2019  
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Randy Boboltz, Planning Commission Vice - Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

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

ABSENT: Mitchell, Sabourin, Austin

STAFF: Mike Kieliszewski (Assistant Building Official), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 12, 2019, minutes approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

**P.C. Case No. 19-SU-03.** Options Pregnancy Center, 526 W. Chisholm Street, is requesting a special land use permit to allow for the commercial use of a building located at 233 Cavanaugh Street in an R-2 One family Residence District in order to use the existing building as an office. Article 5.7B & 7.10.

Kieliszewski presented the Staff Report and Recommendation to the Commission.

No one from Options Pregnancy Center was present to represent themselves.

Favor: NONE

Opposition: NONE

COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Gilmore questioned if the property was still being utilized as an active church. Kieliszewski stated that a sign permit was obtained and a sign at the property displays that it is a church but as far as being utilized as a church he was not sure. Wojda stated that the way this report was

written it is as though this is going to be the new use of that building as opposed to being used as a church. Lewis questioned if they were renting or purchasing the property because it is currently listed for sale. Kieliszewski was unaware. VanWagoner stated in the last four or five years he cannot remember a time when the applicant did not attend the public hearing and questioned if it was a requirement to attend. Kieliszewski stated it is always in their best interest to attend. Wojda agreed that he was troubled that no one was here on their behalf and added if the applicants did attend tonight's meeting these questions could have answered. Wojda also added that the requested use is in line with the previous use and it does not seem to affect any residents.

**Motion made by Wojda**, to approve the special land use request subject to the conditions that are identified in the City's report, **Seconded by Lewis**.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mitchell, Sabourin, Austin

Motion approved by a vote of 6-0.

Communications: None

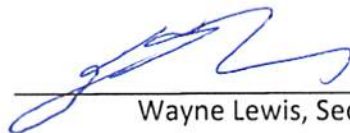
Reports:

1. Development Update – None since Poll was absent from the meeting.

CALL TO PUBLIC: None

MEMBER'S COMMENTS: Boboltz stated that he has been studying the survey responses and is amazed at how many comments on the frustration between the City and the Township regarding the water issue. Boboltz also added there were many repeated responses on Alpena not having very many restaurants. Boboltz stated he had started a list of restaurants in the area and he came up with sixty restaurants. Wojda stated people like to complain and he feels since he has moved back to this area there have been many improvements. Lewis felt there is a possibility of too many restaurants.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by Boboltz, Planning Commission Chair.



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Wayne Lewis, Secretary