

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
Northport Creek Golf Course
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Chair Tyrrell, Planning Commission Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Fuller, Verdon, Tyrrell, Frerichs, Gale, Heitler, McCann. Absent: Collins

Call to Order

Steve Wetherbee, Village Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Wetherbee, Cook, Stoffel, Gremel, Gale, Harper. Absent: Myers

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 15, 2019: The minutes of January 15, 2019 were approved as amended by Planning Commission consensus

Correspondance

None

Public Comments

Anne McInnes commented on the benefits of composting. Statement attached. Campbell McLeod requested additional public comments at the close of today's meeting.

Gale Village Council Report

Postponed report until after the March 2019 Village Council Meeting

Zoning Administrator's Report

January 2019 report attached

Joe DeFors, Northport Energy

Presented suggested changes to the Village of Northport Zoning Ordinances concerning solar installations. Statement attached

Village Website - McCann

McCann stressed the need to update and maintain the Village website to highlight amenities available in Northport that are currently lacking and suggested the Village create their own website.

Progress on Affordable and Work Force Housing – Collins

Collins not present. Report from Collins read aloud by Chairperson Tyrrell. Copy attached

Status of Redevelopment Ready Community Report - Gale

Gale will arrange for a short presentation for a public meeting.

Village Blight Ordinance – Heitler/Verdon

Report of applicable ordinances and reports of current possible problem locations and suggested that the Village adopt a Blight Ordinance or combine one with the Junk Ordinance.

Community Composting – Frerichs/Newell

Detailed report supporting community composting attached. Suggested the Village start planning for a community composting location.

Capital Improvement Program – Tyrrell

Summarized primary Planning Commission responsibilities and stressed the importance of Planning Commission involvement in the Capital Improvement Program. Comments attached.

Parks and Trails - McCann

Presented proposed Phase 2 schematic for the end of 8th Street and suggested the Village create a Parks Committee.

Progress on Dark Sky Initiative – Gale/ Garthe

The full report is attached. Garthe emphasized appreciation of Chris Holton’s cooperation on working to adjust lumen level of the new lights when weather conditions permit. Garthe encouraged the Waterfront Committee and the Village Council to pursue safer lighting at the marina. Garthe hoped the Village can influence Consumers Energy to remove unnecessary lights and reduce light trespass onto private property.

Status of Schatz Citizen Task Force Report

Report regarding 7th Street former Public Works property. Schatz reported that in his opinion the property cannot be built upon. To obtain any state assistance to clean and remove pavement, the Parks Plan would have to be amended.

Commissioner Comments

- McCann stressed the benefits of municipal golf courses to local communities.
- Tyrrell thanked the public for their input and attendance.
- Frerichs suggested creating a task force to educate the community about composting. She also indicated that the meeting was a good one.
- Verdon requested that a second Public Comments period be heard.

Trustee Comments

- Gale thanked the Planning Commission for the meeting.
- Harper and Cook agreed that the meeting was a positive one.

Public Comments

- Chris and Bob Newell said they have been accepting leaves and brush from the Village to . compost on their property. They are hopeful that the Village will move toward community composting as their site will be full within the next year or two.
- Campbell McLeod said the meeting was one of the best he had attended.

Adjournment

Moved by Verdon, supported by McCann. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting – March 19, 2019 Village Office

Mary Krueger, Recording Secretary