

**SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 19, 2021

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM by Planning Commission Vice Chair C. Bushong.
2. Roll Call: S. Sundell, P. Lajewski-Pearson, J. Yelle & C. Bushong
 - a. Absent: S. Brauer
 - b. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Pamela Roberts
 - c. Zoom Attendance: Rick Wilson, Courtney Timmons (Savion)
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by P. Lajewski-Pearson, Supported by S. Sundell, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020: Motion by S. Sundell, Supported by P. Lajewski-Pearson, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
5. Public Comment: Rick Wilson expressed his concerns about 100% public access to the land involved in the proposed Superior Solar Project. He also expressed concerns that the 1970's land exchange agreement between Cleveland Cliffs and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which was noted in public comments by Kathleen Heideman during the December 15, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting Public Forum, was not included in the December 15, 2020 Planning Commission minutes.
 - a. Planning Commission thanked Rick Wilson for his comments.
 - b. C. Bushong closed public comment at 6:40 PM.
6. Business:
 - a. Review of the Sands Township Planning Commission Bylaws.
 - i. C. Bushong noted that the Bylaws should read "Reviewed January 2021" and not "Revised January 2021".
 - ii. Motion by C. Bushong, Supported by P. Lajewski-Pearson to approve the Sands Township Planning Commission Bylaws as presented with the change to "Reviewed January 19, 2021". Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried
7. Administrative Report:
 - a. Violation report: R. Yelle had no new Violations to report. J. Yelle expressed concern over several properties that had already received multiple violations and what the next steps would be. R. Yelle explained after multiple violations without action a request for a court order cleanup may be made. J. Yelle questioned who would pay for the cleanup on these properties. R. Yelle stated the cleanup cost shall be chargeable against the property taxes.

- b. Authority Update: R. Yelle gave an update on MCSWMA activity and the increase in the out of county recycling being brought in and in time, a possible decrease in tipping fees.
8. Public Comment: None
9. C. Bushong adjourned meeting at 6:46 PM.

S. Brauer
Chairman

P. Lajewski-Pearson
Secretary

P. Roberts
Recording Secretary