

CITY OF CHEBOYGAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting November 15, 2021

Present: Rogers, Kopernik, Khan-King, Granger

Absent: Vacant, O'Brien, Horntvedt

Admin: Sabolsky

Call to order at 7:09 by Granger.

Kopernik motioned to approve minutes of October 18, seconded by Khan-King. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Sabolsky stated that there is a lot to be cleaned up regarding policy vs ordinance. Ordinance is preferred mechanism to avoid legal challenges. Granger showed a blown up copy of zoning map with darker colors. Sabolsky hopes to have something similar but larger in council chambers.

Sabolsky discussed the Bishop vacation request. One issue is that Bishop had applied for a permit to install a fence, paid the fee and former staff approved the permit although the fence went right across Antoine Street. After several meetings with residents, public safety and applicant Sabolsky feels vacation should be recommended.

Ray Lofgren stated he was representing Bishop and would be happy to answer any questions. Rogers questioned Sabolsky whether Bishop owned the two homes that were within the fenced area, he replied they were. He further stated the house outside of the fence that is to be torn down will be an improvement to the neighborhood. The alley to be constructed will enable residents to negotiate trailers and city workers to adequately move snow.

Kopernik made a motion that planning commission recommend council approve the street/alley Vacation. Rogers seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments: Khan-King thanked Sabolsky for his work in going through policies and ordinances to clean them up. Sabolsky said his hope for the future is to have everything easily found online.

Staff comments: Sabolsky stated city is working on better technology in council chambers. Rogers questioned Sabolsky whether the Planning Commission was going to be charged with working on a food truck ordinance. Sabolsky replied that staff has begun to look at other local ordinances. He stressed that it is not good practice to legislate through policy, an ordinance is preferred by attorneys.

No Public Comments

Meeting adjourned by chair Granger at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Linda Rogers, Secretary