

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2023**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. Call to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jason Ruotsala, Joe Rohde, Jason Hofstede, Gabe Justinak, George Kivi, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent: none

Also Present: Steve Tiziani

Public Comment: none

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lahtinen, seconded by Justinak to have the zoning map updated and hire a professional contractor for updating the master plan. All in favor.

Approval of May 18, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes: Motion by Rohde, Seconded by Lynn, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Public Hearing on Special Use Permit Request #23-174, Troy and Lisa Ifland, 1189 California Road (Upland 21 LLC) Willamsburg, KS 66095 Parcel #03-03-502-810. (See attached notice).

Open Public Hearing: At 6:04 p.m. motion by Rohde, seconded by Kivi to enter into the public hearing, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence From Zoning Administrator: Finding of Facts, Charter Township of Ironwood Public Notice Hearing, June 15, 2023.

Correspondence From Residents: none

Public Comments: Tiziani representing the Iflands explained the location of the building site. Lahtinen asked if it was taken out of commercial forest, Tiziani said approximately five (5) acres was taken out of commercial forest, (bought from Keewenaw land). Rohde asked for time line on building. No time line was presented. Tiziani said he was presuming it was just a small shed for tools. Hofstede was leary about approving the plan without any time line. Hofstede put the applicant on speaker phone, timeline is

about within three (3) years to build and the cabin would probably be 450 to 600 square feet and not far from building. At that time he would seek out proper septic and building permits. About a 12 hour drive from us right now and they need a place to store some things because they're camping and would want to store some things on site. They like it up here.

Sign in Sheet: none

Close Public Hearing: At 6:16 a motion by Justinak, seconded by Rohde to close the public hearing and reconvene to the regular meeting/public hearing.

Roll call vote: all in favor.

Conditions: proper permits need to be obtained if additional building is constructed.

A motion to approve special use permit #23-174. A motion by Justinak supported by Rohde to approve special use permit #23-174. Roll call vote: all in favor.

Old Business:

Set date for public hearing on amendments to Zoning ordinance texts and definitions. Justinak, representing the township board, said the R1 district zoning map needs to be updated according to the township board. There was considerable discussion by the Planning Commission in regard to this. Justinak will bring information to the township board to request a professional contractor update the zoning map and master plan. If the board directs the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in regard to this.

Zoning Administrator's Report: none

Public Comment: none

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: A motion made by Rohde supported by Kivi, to adjourn the regular meeting/public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Next meeting will be held July 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary