

Submitted 11-11-23

Approved

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, November 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Bingham Township Hall, 7171 S. Center Highway, Traverse City, MI 49684

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mike Park – Chairman	Present
Jeff Layman – Vice Chair, Board Rep.	Present
Cathy Jasinski – Secretary	Present
Mary Woods	Present
Dennis Grant	Absent
Jim Pawlowicz	Present
One Vacancy	

Quorum present.

In Attendance – Steve Patmore, Rob Carson
Public - 2

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved as submitted.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

A. Master Plan Update – Networks Northwest

- Review edits made last month to Chapter 5 – Future Land Use

Cathy brought up some edits and the edits were discussed. There was discussion about designating land use as industrial or ag/industrial. Edits were made to the draft as discussed.

- Chapter 6 – Community Goals and Objectives

Rob presented a working document to use in determining goals and objectives. This document did not incorporate the old goals of the previous Master Plan. The previous goals were made in 1998. It was decided to go over the old goals and objectives and decide what we still are supporting and change language as needed. Edits were made to the draft as discussed. With the increase of home businesses, a comprehensive review of home businesses is needed, and the Master Plan should reflect the current trends.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Popa from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association suggested issues that should be addressed in the Master Plan. It should include best management practices for lake shore property, protection of lake water quality, dockage limits, particular setbacks for lakeshore property, and keyholing. Other items of concern would be inspections for septic systems and site plan reviews for projects in environmentally sensitive areas. Some of these concerns mentioned would fit into ordinances. Rob mentioned support from Bata services.

- Schedule – Rob Carson noted that Networks Northwest is beyond their original contract time and would like to get this completed as soon as possible due to staffing issues.

6. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES, October 5, 2023

Jeff/moved, Mary /supported to approval of the October 5, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- Chairperson - Michael Park, no report
- Zoning Administrator - Steve Patmore, no report. There was an increase of requests for land use permits this month.
- Planning - Matthew Cooke, Networks Northwest, no report
- Township Board – Jeff Layman, no report
- Commissioners Comments – None

8. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – December 7, 2023

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

10. ADJOURNMENT (8:26 p.m. unless extended by motion)

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Staff

Approved (as-presented / as-amended) on _____.

Cathy Jasinski, Bingham Township Planning Commission Secretary