

**CITY OF ESCANABA**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**Official Proceedings – Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Escanaba Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00pm in Room C101 at City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

*Chair Hannemann called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

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**ROLL CALL**

Chair Mark Hannemann:	Present	Mbr. Don Curran:	Absent
Vice Chair Jon Liss:	Present	Mbr. Brian Thorsen:	Present
Mbr. Christopher Renner:	Absent	Mbr. Richard Clark:	Present

With four in attendance, a quorum of the Zoning Board of Appeals was present.

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**ALSO PRESENT**

**City Administration:**

Tyler Anthony, Planning & Zoning Admin.

**Others:**

Aaron Deiter

No other unnamed individuals were present.

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**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA**

Anthony noted that the ZBA hadn't elected its officers at the July meeting per the bylaws. He advised that such an election should be added to the agenda. Hannemann agreed, noting that it would have been best to add it under "housekeeping business".

**A motion was made by Hannemann to add "Election of Officers" as HK1 and approve the amended meeting agenda. Supported by Thorsen.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

None.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

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**HOUSEKEEPING BUSINESS**

**HK1: Election of Officers**

Hannemann paused for a moment and stated his intent not to pursue the office of Chair again. He had served on the ZBA for nearly nine years at the time, and he felt that they could do with some younger members, especially if they were to hold office. Liss added that he did not want to continue as Vice Chair, either. Liss noted that he intended to remain on the ZBA afterwards.

Board members and staff then discussed officer term lengths & limits, and appointment lengths. Anthony listed the appointment dates of all members for their information. Members expressed that they were hesitant to elect officers with 1/3 of their membership absent.

**A motion was made by Liss to postpone the election of officers until the next meeting. Supported by Thorsen. MOTION PASSED.**

**HK2: Approval/Correction to Minutes**

**A motion was made by Clark to approve the July 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Supported by Liss. MOTION PASSED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hannemann interrupted to ask the identity of the sole member of the public present, that person being Aaron Deiter. He wondered whether Deiter was a new City Council liaison, as Beauchamp was not present. From the back of the room, Deiter explained that he was merely interested in following the ZBA; board members quipped that they had found a new member.

**NB1: Training Session**

Training was presented on a case study titled “Nonconforming Use Enforcement”. This fulfilled ½ hour of the 4-hour annual training requirement for ZBA members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

Hannemann reported that, through his voluntary tour guide work with cruise ship passengers that summer, he had heard many good things about Escanaba from visitors. He was surprised by those who were overjoyed by the City’s splendor. He then noted that we Escanabans were truly lucky to live in a place like this; we only forgot it too often. Anthony echoed Hannemann’s statements; Hannemann felt satisfied with the ZBA’s work to support the City’s good qualities.


**ADJOURNMENT**

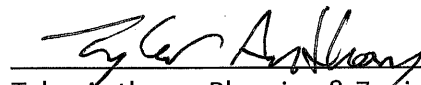
**A motion was made by Liss to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Thorsen. MOTION PASSED.**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.*

**APPROVAL**

These minutes approved at the January 16, 2024 meeting. *th*

  
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Mark Hannemann, Chair  
Escanaba Zoning Board of Appeals

  
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Tyler Anthony, Planning & Zoning Admin.  
City of Escanaba

*Brian Thorsen, Chair Pro Tem*