

**Planning Commission
Minutes
December 4, 2019**

Roll Call: A. Kalcec, P. Kivisaari, L. Bietila, M. Steeno, R. Milbrath, M. Skog, and D. Varda

Absent: B. Thorne, and G. Peterson

Others Present: Ryan Soucy (CUPPAD), R. Anderson (City Manager), Don Byczek (Township Supervisor), Trisha Plante (City Clerk), Joyce Giuliani (Township Clerk), Candy Brew (City Mayor), David Solda (Township Trustee), Lee Meneghini (City Council Member), Bret Kraemer (City Council Member), Jeff Muraro (City Council Member), Scott Popp (City Council Member), Nate Alwine (Norway Township resident).

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Member R. Milbrath, supported by Member M. Steeno and unanimously approved Agenda for December 4, 2019 with the removal of Master Plan Update under old business.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Member P. Kivisaari, supported by Member R. Milbrath and unanimously approved Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2019.

Citizen Time: None.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Planning/Zoning Compliance Organization – The Norway Area Planning Commission met in open session to discuss the future of the joint city/township relationship regarding planning and zoning. Ryan Soucy of CUPPAD began discussions with an introduction about CUPPAD and the value of joint planning. Mr. Soucy reviewed advantages of staying together and issues with separation. Members from the Norway City Council and Norway Township Board were present along with members from the planning commission. Each person who attended the meeting was offered time to provide their insight or feedback regarding joint planning and zoning. There were a number of both issues and compliments regarding the joint program.
 - Issues and complaints mainly dealt with communications. The township wanted more notice on minutes and agendas. There was also some concern that a majority of the agenda topics were city based and didn't involve township concerns. Finally there was concern from the township that there was little work that needed to be done regarding updating the master plan. The city disagreed based on the comments received from the MEDC in the RRC evaluation which did point out a number of areas in the master plan that needed to be addressed. This will definitely be an area of contention as we move forward in 2020 and will need to be worked out.
 - On a positive note, there was support for the joint planning efforts. Most of the meeting participants expressed positive feedback saying that both the city and the

township were better off together than separately. It was also highly supported to stay together and work out our differences knowing that we will have them as we move forward.

Communication:

- Norway Area Zoning Compliance Log: None attached.

Citizen Comment: Nate Alwine, and Michelle Kalcec. Ms. Kalcec was not at the meeting, but wrote a letter (dated 12/4/19) which was presented at the meeting and read to the Norway Area Planning Commission regarding the possible separation of the Norway Township and the City of Norway Planning Commission.

Board Member Privilege: None.

Motion: A motion was made by Member A. Kalcec, supported by Member M. Steeno and unanimously approved Norway Area Planning Commission 2020 meeting schedule to be the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm, and also to move January's meeting date from January 1st to January 8th.

Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2020

Adjourn: A motion was made by Member L. Bietila, supported by Member R. Milbrath and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Leonard Bietila, NACP Secretary