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Watersmeet Township Zoning Board of Appeals

June 19, 2017

Organizational Meeting Minutes

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Attending: Bill Neumann, Joe Lomastro, Pete Peterson, Fred Duerkop, Ed Casey, Cheryl Pytlarz, and Julie Mathiesen

Absent: None

Also present: Dave Neumann, Zoning Administrator

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss organizational matters. Ed Casey submitted his resignation as Chairman, but volunteered to serve as an alternate.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Lomastro, to accept Mr. Casey's resignation and support his request to become an alternate.

The vote was 5 yeas and 0 nays. As alternates, Ms. Pytlarz and Ms. Mathiesen did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Lomastro, seconded by Mr. Neumann, to nominate Julie Mathiesen as Chairman. All were in favor.

Ms. Mathiesen assumed role as Chair.

Discussion then ensued about changing meeting times to late afternoon or early evening, to accommodate people that work during the day, both ZBA members and members of the public. A general meeting time of 6:30 p.m. was proposed. Mr. Neumann noted that there did not need to be an established meeting time, since meeting date, time and location would be published with individual meeting notices. No vote was taken to establish a specific meeting time, but it was generally agreed to conduct meetings in the early evening whenever possible.

Dave Neumann presented information about three requests for variances from the zoning ordinance:

1. WE Energies was requesting approval of a land division that would result in two parcels, one of which would not meet the minimum lot size requirements for properties in R-2 zoning districts. The property in question is located at 23025 South Moon Lake Road.

2. Brad and Becky Bruce were requesting approval to construct a dwelling that would not meet the minimum lakefront setback requirements for properties in L-1 zoning districts. The property in question is located at N3720 Boy Scout Island Road, on Cisco Lake.
3. Jenna Olson was requesting approval to restore/re-construct a non-conforming structure (boathouse) on Mamie Lake.

The requests were reviewed for completeness. It was determined the information provided by Jenna Olson was not sufficient for the ZBA to consider her request. Both Mr. Casey and Mr. D. Neumann indicated they had had conversations with Ms. Olson, requesting additional information, but there was no response. Ms. Mathiesen indicated she would contact Ms. Olson by email to again request the required information.

The other two requests were deemed to contain sufficient information. Ms. Mathiesen indicated she would set the meeting date and take care of the required notices.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Lomastro, to adjourn. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Mathiesen, Chair
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