

# Watersmeet Township Planning Commission

February 8, 2016

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: USFS Conference Room

**Meeting called to order** by Chairman Jeff Zelinski at 6:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance was given.**

**Roll Call: Members Present:** Jeff Zelinski, giiwegiizhigookway Martin, Jeff Wasson, Michelle Hazen, Pete Peterson, John Cestkowski, Paul Kempainen (town board appointment, taking Rich Henriksen position). Mark McGrath is new appointee, attended but formal process will occur at the Town Board Meeting.

**Members Absent:** Roy D'Antonio.

**Giiwe Martin/Resign as the Secretary letter included.**

**Organizational Officers Elect:**

- Motion by John Cestkowski to nominate Pete Peterson as the Chair of the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by giiwe Martin, All in favor. Pete Peterson is the newly elected Chair.
- Motion by Jeff Wasson to nominate Jeff Zelinski as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Cestkowski, All in favor. Jeff Zelinski is the newly elected Vice Chair.
- Motion by Shelly Hazen to nominate Paul Kempainen for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Cestkowski, all in favor. Paul Kempainen is the newly elected Secretary.

Prior to commencing with the meeting: Pete Peterson, Chair explained to the visitors that there was much misinformation getting out the property owners. He said we have received many letters of opposition and some letters were disrespectful to the Committee Members. Members were just given the applications to review at tonight's meeting. This is not a public hearing. We will act further down the road on the decisions that are made tonight during the meeting. Also advised the visitors that there is NO VARIANCE RQUEST as many letters were opposed to a Variance Change, which is not included in either application.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Pete Peterson to approve the agenda, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Wasson to approve the agenda. All in favor. Approved.

**Approval of Minutes of December, 2016.** Motion made by Jeff Wasson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Peterson, All in favor. Approved.

**Master Plan Updates:** John Cestkowski asked that this plan be expedited and finished as it has been dragging on and we cannot do the Rec. Plan until the Master Plan is done. All members that are able will meet on Feb. 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Forest Service Admin Building to work on the getting it ready to submit

**Medical Marijuana Ordinance:** Been advised to rescind the Medical Marijuana Ordinance in its entirety due to the changes in the law and as the ordinance now stands. Motion by Jeff Zelinski, and

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Wasson, All in favor. This will be part of the public hearing which will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**Mr. Pachmeyer** was present to speak on his behalf on his permit application. Application for a Special Use Permit Request to the Planning committee. After he spoke the Visitors also requested that they are able to speak. Pete said we are not reading letters or hearing letters we have received all the letters and they are on file and are submitted as recorded at this meeting. The list is attached with all letters that were received by the Secretary.

**Northeast Asphalt:** They have been granted Special use in the past. Motion to issue the Special Use Permit by Paul Kemppainen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Zelinski, all in favor approved. We have notified the property owners within 300 feet and have had no objections. However, this still needs to be published in the newspaper. This will be done and any comments, concerns, or objections will be heard also at the March 8, 2017 Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON the two Special Use Permits and the Medical Marijuana Ordinance will be heard on March 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm. prior to the regular March Regular Meeting. Will be **POSTED IN THE PAPER TOWNSHIP OFFICE AND THE POST OFFICE AS WELL AS THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE.**

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Dave Neumann had a list of work which included the (2) special use permits where all necessary paper work, payment, and all applications meet the required guidelines for approval. Pachmeyer/ and Northeast Asphalt. The other was Wilderness Bay Resort on Thousand Island where they will be operate this Resort and nothing has changed so a Special use is not required. The owner and his daughter were present to state there were (8) cabins to rent, they will be only renting (5). They have a small grocery store and their daughter has Juls Sweet shop that will sell Ice Cream and Candy. She was present to meet the board and hand out her business cards.

Supervisor Rogers asked Dave about a pending permit which he has gotten calls about on Lac Vieux Desert. Dave said the owner was notified of the 17 violations that need to be taken care of before this goes further. He will follow up with the owner.

**Public Comment:** Many comments were made from property owners who have provided objection letters for the record on the Pachmeyer Property. Questions of the intended use were asked to the owner directly and all further public comments will take place at the Public Hearing.

**Adjournments:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Paul Kemppainen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Cestkowski, All in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: giivegiizhigookway Martin – Planning Commission Secretary.