

Watersmeet Township Planning Commission
November 9, 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, David Sherrill, Pete Peterson, John Cestkowski, and Roy D'Antonio. **Members Absent:** Michelle Hazen

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Roy D'Antonio to approve the agenda, and 2nd by Jeff Wasson to approve the agenda. All in favor. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of September, 2016. Motion made by Roy D'Antonio to approve, 2nd by Jeff Wasson, All in Favor. Approved.

We will move # 8 up in place of #6 on the agenda: We will meet to discuss responsibilities and posting of Public Notices at another time.

Status of Public Hearing on the Proposed Changes to Special Use Permits Section 7.09

John Cestkowski had talked with Board Members and concerned citizens. He made a motion to withdraw his prior motion for the proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance on short term rentals for the L-1 and L-2 districts. A 2nd to the motion was made by Jeff Wasson. All in favor, approved. The proposal for the change is no longer on the table.

Ms. Clark asked that if this proposed change is brought back to the table for discussion it should be done during the summer months when the concerned citizens who live on the lakes are here. Giiwe Martin made a motion to grant Ms. Clark request because it is a solid and valid request, a 2nd to the motion was made by Roy D'Antonio, all in favor, approved.

There was a full house with people who had comments, and concerns regarding the proposed change to the ordinance.

A letter was submitted by Jay and Rebecca Shifra to let the committee know that they were told that they no longer needed to get the special use permits from the Township Office. This letter is on file. There was a full house with people who had comments and concerns regarding the proposed change to the ordinance who voiced those concerns and comments opposing the change to the Zoning Ordinance.

Letters from Land Owners: Full list of names from Giiwe Martin (18) Letters: List Attached. Letters on file. David Sherrill had collected (15) letters and copies were distributed to the Board and contained letters that were not received by Secretary to be copied and distributed. List of names Attached: Letters on file.

Medical Marijuana Update on Laws: Motion by David Sherrill on the new Law Section 205 (1) to allow Townships to ban or better control Medical Marijuana within the township. The Planning Commission needs to do research on the law as stated. It appears the Law change doesn't go into effect until 2017. Motion by David Sherrill to review the material provided and make a

recommendation by the PC on action to be taken regarding the law change was 2nd by Pete Peterson. All in favor. Approved.

Motion by David Sherrill to ask Mr. Dean for a legal opinion on this new Medical Marijuana Law and what the Township should do to amend the existing Zoning Ordinance, in order to protect the Township. Mr. Dean should be invited to the January meeting for a discussion on his opinion. The motion was 2nd by Roy D'Antonio, all in favor, approved. We should include a further discussion topic on the December agenda.

Training: List of trainings that board members might want to take was distributed. Online courses are available so no travel would be needed. FYI.

Update: Jeff Zelinski - We are continue to work on the Master Plan, and then proceed to Rec Plan after that is completed.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Dave Neumann stated that he had 2 dwelling, and 4 additions, and 3 garages with permits applied for.

Public Comment: Took place during the first part of the meeting regarding the Ordinance Change.

Adjournments: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pete Peterson, 2nd by John Cestkowski, All in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: giiwegiizhigookway Martin – Planning Commission Secretary.