

Regular Meeting Notice

Watersmeet Township Planning Commission

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Watersmeet Community Center

Call Meeting to Order by Chairman Peterson at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Giiwe, Peggy, John, Jeff W., Pete, Roy, Paul, Craig. Absent Jeff Z.

Approval of June 2017 Minutes: Motion Paul 2nd Roy Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Paul to add item under new business for discussion, form for Zoning Administrator, 2nd by Roy. Motion Carried.

Public Comment : Dave Sherrill questioned item from June regarding Planning Commission meeting with Township Attorney in groups less than 5 to get legal information regarding Zoning Ordinance. He was wondering whether this would constitute a Special Meeting and therefore allow the public to attend. The intent of these sessions is for information purposes only according to Chairman Peterson. Julie Mathieson expressed a similar concern as Mr. Sherrill.

Pat Walsh commented on structures in need of repair and felt that this was a more serious issue than the proposed Lawn Ordinance that had been discussed at the last meeting. Pete made a comment that some structures were owned by the County through foreclosure and the Township would incur the cost of any type of disposal. It was also pointed that the Building Inspector is made aware of as many of these structures as possible so that the condemnation process could be begun.

Mr. Sherrill also raised questions concerning the proposed form that the Zoning Administrator would file with the Planning Commission in that the permit should say Property Owner rather than Person Requesting Permit. He also questioned why the Water/Sewer portion did not mention approval by Michigan Department of Health.

Ms. Mathieson stated that the Zoning Administrator only submits the completed application and the Planning Commission should make the final decision and that the individual commissioners had the right to vote as they desired. She also felt that the form should be expanded to show the permit conforms to state, federal and local laws.

Zoning Administrator Report

Two permits. Two additions to dwellings. Two new dwelling with one being moved. Two garages.

New Business

Discuss of form for Zoning Administrator on Special Use Permits

Adding amendments that could cover sewage and water that show compliance with Health Department. Pete suggested a blanket form and then one specifically for Short-Term Rental. Motion by Paul, 2nd Roy, to table form and allow for additional to consider what should be on form(s). Motion Carried.

Old Business

Master Plan - Updates and Approval

Paul presented Master Plan with updated pictures along with the “action” items that should be periodically changed during the duration of the plan from 2017-2022. John motion, 2nd Peggy to send the Master Plan to Township Board for any comments and approval. Motion Carried. Craig Hesse abstained.

Recreation Plan – Updates

Motion by Roy, 2nd Jeff W. to table until next meeting. Paul will get electronic or printed copies for all commissioners to look over for review

Adjournment

Motion by Jeff W., 2nd John to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2017