

Watersmeet Township Planning Commission  
May 9, 2018  
Final and Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Peterson

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jeff Zelinski, Jeff Wasson, Pete Peterson, John Cestkowski, Peggy Tuttle, Craig Hesse, Paul Kemppainen

Members Absent: Giiwegiizhigookway Martin, Roy D'Antonio

Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2018 Motion by Craig H., 2<sup>nd</sup> John C. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jeff Z. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff W. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Yvonne Clark expressed concerns about jumping in too fast in creating a new Short-Term Rental Ordinance. She said that she had looked at many and none of them fit exactly to the situation in Watersmeet. She didn't feel that using the Acme Township ordinance as a template was necessarily the best way to go. She also felt that more public input was needed to allow for a diversity of opinions as to what should be in the ordinance. She also expressed concerns over making changes to the number of dwellings that could be permitted on a given parcel, especially relative to those in L1 and L2 classification. Greg Clark expressed similar concerns as his wife. Dave Lamoreaux expressed a willingness to be one of the citizens looking into helping to create a Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Dan Kline submitted a list of zoning related items from April and May including the following:

Robert Matusiak	N2035 W. Moon Lake Rd.	Pole Barn
Sherry Hawley	N3400 Palmquist Rd.	Single Family Dwelling
Brian Becker	E22551 Old US 2 West	Garage
John Morreale	23960 Petterson Rd.	Garage
Tim Sauter/Mary Noordyk	23865 Wilbur St.	Single Family Dwelling Addition
Michael Lehman	20260 Hwy 45 South	Single Family Dwelling

New Business:

Old Business:

A. Changes in Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3.01 Purpose *eliminate an individual lot or*

Section 3.02A Change 1. To the following *More than one family residential structure per parcel as long as setbacks are met along with a separate well and septic system.*

Section 6.01 B1. Change a. to the following *More than one family residential structure as long as setback requirements are met along with separate well and septic system.*

Section 6.02B Eliminate *item 2.e*

Section 7.012B add the following *B1. In R1 and R&F classifications, more than one family residential structure may be erected on any lot of record, and in conforming to land and yard requirements providing they meet necessary setbacks along with a separate well and septic system and as not to create non-conforming lots if a future land division should occur.*

A motion was made by Jeff Z. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff W. to approve the changes as suggested and have a subsequent Public Hearing during the course of the June 13, 2018 regular meeting to allow for public input. Paul will make sure that the notice is published to meet the requirements for posting of the Public Hearing.

B. Short-Term Ordinance:

Paul offered an editable version of the Acme Township Short-term Rental Ordinance and several pages were looked at. The Commission felt that this ordinance would at least give us something to use as a template which could then be easily modified to meet the requirements of Watersmeet Township. Changes that were made do not reflect any type of a firm commitment to the final language of the ordinance. The Commission hopes to look at the new ordinance further with the opportunity for community volunteers such as Yvonne Clark, Greg Clark and Dave Lamoreaux and any others interested beginning in July. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the Planning Commission. Paul will post that volunteers are needed on the Township website.

Adjournment: Motion by John C. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Z. Motion Carried. Meeting ended at 8:15 PM

Next Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Submitted by: Paul D. Kemppainen – Planning Commission Secretary