

**Watersmeet Township Planning Commission  
Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

Meeting called to order by Paul Kemppainen at 6:40 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Jeff Wasson, John Cestkowski, Peggy Tuttle, Craig Hesse, Paul Kemppainen

**Members Absent:** Jeff Zelinski, Pete Peterson, Roy D'Antonio and Giiwe Martin

**Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting** Motion by John and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff. Motion Carried

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Peggy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** Greg Clark thanks the commission for all the hard work that was done by them and the members of the committee on the draft Short-Term Rental Ordinance. He thought that there was a good balance in the draft and reflected the cooperation between those working on it. He felt that a great deal of research had been done prior to the committee work to see what other townships are doing related to short-term rentals. Julie Mathiesen wanted to remind everyone that the short-term rental situation is evolving and we need to be aware of the changes that are occurring.

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Dan Kline reported that 5 zoning applications had been received in the last month and that expects several in the upcoming months. The list of those for July are as follows:

23949 Beaver Station Road	Garage	Dan Cartner
4280 Sylvan Isle Drie	Garage	Mathew Draves
Boy Scout Island Road	Single Family Dwelling	Steve Anderson
2945 Dinner Lake Road	Garage	Steve Anderson
4745 Rosemont Avenue	Utility Building	Charter Communications

**NOTE:** Peggy expressed her disappointment as to the low turnout for the meeting as important items were to be acted upon or given the opportunity to provide input on.

**Old Business:** Discussion and possible action on proposed Zoning Ordinance change. Motion by Crag and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff to table until September 12, 2018 meeting due to low attendance at meeting. Motion Carried.

**New Business:** A. Discussion on preliminary Short-term Rental Ordinance and recommendation to committee for further work. Motion by Craig and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to have a special meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM to discuss this as the only agenda item. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible endorsement of Amendment to Section 10.3 of Watersmeet Township Zoning Ordinance by Tim Dean. Motion by Craig and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff to table until September 12, 2018 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Further discussion occurred concerning curtailing any short-term rentals until the new ordinance is enacted. Motion by Craig and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peggy to place a moratorium on short-term rentals until the new ordinance is enacted. A voice vote was Craig Yes, Peggy Yes, Paul Yes, Jeff No and John abstained. Motion carried. Paul said that he would check with the township as to the legality of the motion.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jeff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John to adjourn. Motion Carried. Adjourned 7:35 PM.

**Special Meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018 to discuss draft Short-term Rental Ordinance**

**Next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

Submitted by: Paul D. Kemppainen – Planning Commission Secretary