

**Watersmeet Township Planning Commission
October 10, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

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

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jeff Zelinski, Jeff Wasson, Pete Peterson Craig Hesse, Paul Kemppainen

Members Absent: Excused were John Cestkowski, Peggy Tuttle and Roy D'Antonio. Giwegizhigookway Martin,

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2018. Motion by Craig and 2nd by Jeff W with change requested by Mary DeGrave. Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Paul and 2nd by Jeff W to add Item 9C Giiwe Resignation. Motion Carried. Motion to approve amended agenda by Jeff Z and 2nd by Jeff W. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Mary DeGrave expressed concerns about the issue from last meeting concerning Crooked Lake and the ambiguous language or lack thereof in the present Ordinance. The Commission agreed that work needs to be done to clear-up language in the Ordinance.

Julie Mathiesen expressed that she is hoping to set up a joint work session with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with Tim Dean to determine where certain types of issues should be resolved and explain the roles of each of the two bodies.

Greg and Yvonne Clark gave comments relative to the work of the short-term rental committee and expressed the feelings of the committee that a survey would not be worth doing relative to the issue of short-term rental. They expressed the fact that the committee is committed to working to create an ordinance that is workable for all parties involved. They also mentioned that John Oliver was present at the committee meeting and presented the side from someone doing actual short-term rental in an R2 classification.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Dan Kline did not have a report for the meeting.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Craig and 2nd by Paul to send the Civil Infraction Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the Township Board for approval. A roll call vote was taken. Craig-Yes Jeff Z-Yes Jeff W.-Yes Pete-Yes Paul-Yes. Five Yes and zero Nos.

Discussion took place concerning the short-term rental ordinance. The committee hopes to have a final draft available for the spring of 2019. An email was given to the Planning Commission from John Oliver expressing his feelings concerning the short-term rental ordinance being proposed. He has no concerns about it and feels that it is fair to the parties concerned.

A motion was made by Jeff Z and 2nd by Craig to table the issue regarding guest houses and the issuance of a letter to property owners within 300'. Motion carried

New Business:

The Planning Commission was given information by Dave Neumann relative to site condominiums on Indian Lake using Section 7.13 A & B. Dave explained that if this was completed a total of 14 parcels on the lake and 13 in the transition zone would be created. This was an information item only and no action was take relative to it.

Cancellation of the November and December Planning Commission meeting dates was done through a motion by Jeff Z and 2nd by Jeff W. Motion Carried. There is very little happening at this time and it was felt that a meeting next January could be held. A special meeting could be called if the need arises.

A motion was made by Paul and 2nd by Jeff W to accept the resignation of Giive Martin from the Planning Commission pursuant to an email that she sent to Chairman Peterson. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion by Craig and 2nd by Jeff W. Motion Carried. Meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

Next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Submitted by: Paul D. Kemppainen – Planning Commission Secretary