

Gerrish Township Planning Commission - Regular Meeting – June 6, 2013

Chairman Barber called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., Gerrish Township Municipal Building

Present: Nate Alyas, Thomas Barber, William Case, Robert Hoffman, Mary Link Trustee,  
Mary Ann Russom; Absent: Rebecca Ragan

Attending: Robert Yaske, Gerrish Township Zoning Administrator

Minutes of May 2, 2013 were reviewed. Link moved to accept the minutes as presented, supported by Hoffman; APPROVED.

Agenda Changes: None

Correspondence: MTA June 26<sup>th</sup> Work Shop Notice, Houghton Lake, MI

Public Comment: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. *Review/develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria:* After review and discussion, BARBER volunteered to formulate a Medical Marihuana Ordinance draft for review. Members will continue to monitor State Court Medical Marihuana Cases and recommend maintaining a moratorium.
- B. *Review/develop Septic Inspection and Maintenance Standards for Entire Township:* After review and discussion it was determined to: 1) Increase public awareness of maintaining a healthy septic system via of news articles and speakers. 2) Identify the goal for clarity of purpose. 3) Formulate a process to simplify record keeping. ALYAS and RAGAN will continue to develop a program identifying properties with septic usage. CASE will revisit Benzie County for a Septic Ordinance update.
- C. *Review Signage Ordinance:* After review and discussion of Article 9 Signs in its entirety, GTPC reported to the Township Board that Article 9 is applicable and can see no reason to amend/make changes within Article 9 at this time. GTPC will continue to periodically review other Articles within the Township's Zoning Ordinance.
- D. *Issues of Concern* expressed during May 2, 2013 Open Line were reviewed.
  - 1) *Noisy equipment/appliances within a minimal side yard;* no further input to date.
  - 2) *Side setbacks in R-3, R-4 zoning districts that encompasses developments similar to R-1 zoning district:* GTPC agreed with the necessary change within Table 3-4 Footnote 6 a. These areas were in compliance with the old zoning districts, but became non-conforming within the New Zoning Ordinance. YASKE will draft an amendment proposal with the necessary changes for review at the next meeting.
  - 3) GTPC to review Section 20.8 for the next meeting/*front yard garage possibilities.*
  - 4) GTPC to review Article 6 for the next meeting/*Sec.6.4 A 2 a, 6.4 A 4 Nonconforming dwelling existing "within a commercial zoned district" , and where nonconforming status applies to structure and use in combination.*

OPEN LINE: Possibility of a Site Plan for review at the next meeting.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. CARRIED

Next scheduled meeting: on July 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: