

GERRISH TOWNSHIP (GT) PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

MEETING: Monthly Meeting.
DATE: Jan 12, 2023.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreev, Briggs, Newton, Ostling, & Purkey.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Barber & Semack (Both Excused).
OTHERS PRESENT: Jansen (GT Building Administrator [GTBA]).
MEETING OPENED: Meeting called to order by Chair Ostling at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE TO FLAG: Recited.

AGENDA CHANGES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MONTHLY MEETING HELD Nov 10, 2022: Motion by Purkey, seconded by Newton to *“approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Nov 10, 2022.”* Motion carried (5-0).

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULED Dec 8, 2022: This meeting was canceled on Dec 5, 2022 as there were no new items or any pressing old items to discuss.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Shoreline Stabilization Discussion. The GTPC continued its discussion from previous meetings concerning the authority and process to address problems of shoreline stabilization that are not resolvable with solutions allowed by the GT Zoning Ordinance (GTZO), Article 20 (*Supplemental Provisions*), Section 20.12.B (*Higgins Lake Shoreline Stabilization, Requirements*). Jansen (GTBA) contacted the GT Attorney (Mr. Scott Hess), whom based on his interpretation of the GTZO, recommended that the GTPC would be the Site Planning Authority for these issues and they should be the first in the process for review and approval, then determine whether or not it should be forwarded to the GT Zoning Board of Appeals (GTZBA). The Attorney recommended amending the GTZO wording to clarify that the GTPC is the Site Planning Authority, and also update it to reflect the name change of “DEQ” to “EGLE”.
2. Mobile Home Age Requirement Ordinance Mod. Jansen noted that Mr. Hess will also research the age limit requirements for mobile homes.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF GTPC OFFICERS.

1. Chair. Ostling was nominated for Chair by Briggs, seconded by Purkey. No other nominations were made. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Purkey to *“close nominations and elect Ostling as Chair.”* Motion carried (5-0).
2. Vice-Chair. Barber was nominated for Vice-Chair by Newton, seconded by Briggs. No other nominations were made. Motion by Purkey, seconded by Briggs to *“close nominations and elect Barber as Vice-Chair.”* Motion carried (5-0).
3. Secretary. Briggs was nominated for Secretary by Purkey, seconded by Andreev. No other nominations were made. Motion by Purkey, seconded by Andreev to *“close nominations and elect Briggs as Secretary.”* Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023. Ostling proposed meeting every other month based on the 2022 meetings and anticipated business during 2023. Regular Meetings would start at 7:00 p.m. on Jan 12, Mar 9, May 11, Jul 13, Sep 14, and Nov 9, & Dec 8, (the 2nd Thursday of each month). If other meetings are required, they would be scheduled as Special Meetings during the off-months in the same date/time slot. Motion by Briggs, seconded by Andreev to ***“approve the schedule as proposed.”*** Motion carried (5-0).

OPEN LINE/PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Newton.** Provided the following info from the GT Board (GTB): (1) examples of housing related ordinances from Clinton County’s Zoning Ordinance for Medical Hardship Housing Opportunities, and Roscommon Township’s Short-Term Rental Ordinance; (2) GTB is not interested in pursuing the “Downtown Overlay” project for GT that was presented to them from local residents; and (3) a Public informational presentation will be given at the GT Hall on Jan 19, 2023 about the Camp Grayling Expansion proposal from a group that opposes it.

ADJOURN: Motion by Briggs, seconded by Ostling to ***“close this meeting.”*** Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned by Ostling at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Mar 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

Date Approved