

GERRISH TOWNSHIP (GT) PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

MEETING:

Monthly Meeting.

DATE:

Nov 10, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barber, Briggs, Newton, Ostling, & Purkey.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andreev & Semack (Both Excused).

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jansen (GT Building Administrator [GTBA]), & 1 Citizen.

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 Sep 8, 2022: Motion by Barber, seconded by Newton

to "approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Sep 8, 2022." Motion carried (5-0).

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULED Oct 13, 2022: This meeting was canceled on Oct 10, 2022 since there

were not going to be enough members available to have a quorum due to out-of-town travel and medical issues.

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) will contact the GT Attorney and Ostling will contact Mr. Mark Eidelson (AICP, the consultant who drafted the GT Zoning Ordinance) to get clarification on whether the GT Zoning Board of Appeals or GTPC would be the Site Planning Authority for the issues such as this.

2. Septic Ordinance. The GTPC continued its discussion from previous meetings about developing a proposed septic ordinance. Ostling provided an update of Lyon Township's recent activities on their draft Septic Ordinance, and possible problems linked to wells. He suggested that GT explore a possible phased plan to gather data on local wells. To date, Michigan is the only state that does not have a Septic Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mobile Home Age Requirement Ordinance Mod. In response to a recent request to the GTBA, Ostling led a discussion concerning GTZO requirements for Mobile Homes (Vice Modular and Manufactured Homes) that are contained in GTZO Articles 3 (Zoning District Regulations) & 4 (General Provisions) that do not address age limits. State authorities (not the GTBA) conduct the final building inspection for approval of Mobile Homes at the factory. Jansen will research the issue further to help determine how to best ensure any future Mobile Homes brought into GT are safe and adhere to the intent of the GT Master Plan.



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OPEN LINE/PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Newton. Provided the GTPC with a copy of the Gerrish Township American Rescue Plan Act (GTARPA) Grant Funding Final Recommendations presented by the GTARPA Committee to the GT Board on Nov 3, 2022.

ADJOURN: Motion by Barber, seconded by Newton to "close this meeting." Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned by Ostling at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Dec 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael B. Briggs
Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

1/12/23
Date Approved