

GERRISH TOWNSHIP (GT) PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

MEETING: Monthly Meeting.
DATE: Jul 13, 2023.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreev, Barber, Briggs, Newton, & Semack.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Purkey & 1 vacancy (Ostling).
OTHERS PRESENT: 0 Citizens.
MEETING OPENED: Meeting called to order by Chair Barber at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE TO FLAG: Recited.

AGENDA CHANGES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING HELD Jun 6, 2023: Motion by Newton, seconded by Andreev to “*approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing held Jun 6, 2023.*” Motion carried (5-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING HELD Jun 6, 2023: Motion by Semack, seconded by Newton to “*approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held Jun 6, 2023.*” Motion carried (5-0).

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Site Plan (SP) Review (SPR) – SROA Mini-Storage. The GT Board (GTB) approved both the Preliminary SP and Final SP on Jun 13, 2023 for the Storage Rental of America (SROA) Mini-Storage project on North Cut Rd. (Parcel No. 72-004-003-025-0130).
2. Septic System Ordinance. Semack provided an update on the status of the development of a Septic Ordinance for Lyon Township, and the State of Michigan. He and Andreev will attend future related Lyon Township meetings. The GTPC will continue to monitor these efforts, along with the current Gerrish-Lyon Township Sewer System Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Chair Jim Ostling. In Jun, Ostling submitted a letter of resignation from the GTPC to the GTB. The GTB accepted his resignation on Jul 11, 2023, effective Jul 1, 2023. The GTPC extends its appreciation and thanks for all his work and support on this Commission. The GTPC now has one vacant position to be filled. In accordance with the GTPC Bylaws, Vice Chair Tom Barber will assume the Chair position thru Dec 31, 2023.
2. Election of Vice Chair. Barber led the discussion to elect a new Vice Chair. A consensus agreement was reached to delay the vote until the next meeting in Sep.
3. Short Term Rentals. Barber led a discussion about Short Term Rental issues. Several nearby Townships (e.g., Denton, Markey, et al.) have recently adopted a new Short Term Rental Ordinance. The GTPC remains open to further exploring this issue at some time in the future.

OPEN LINE/PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Newton. Provided an update on recent GTB actions, including the approval of a new TV system with video teleconferencing capabilities that will be installed in the GT Hall Conference Room soon. GT Board meetings (including the GTPC) will be conducted live via “Zoom” with interactive teleconferencing capabilities and be archived.

ADJOURN: Motion by Semack, seconded by Briggs to ***“close this meeting.”*** Motion carried (5-0). Meeting closed by Barber at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Sep 14, 2023.

Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

Date Approved