

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – May 3, 2012

Chairman Barber called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., at Gerrish Township Municipal Building.

Present: Thomas Barber, Nate Alyas, William Case, Robert Hoffman, Trustee Gary Long,
Rebecca Ragan, Mary Ann Russom

Absent: None

Attending: Robert Yaske, Gerrish Township Zoning Administrator, Terry Newton Assistant Zoning
Administrator, Michael G. Lasher, Robert Riedel of RW Riedel Co.

Minutes of April 5, 2012 were APPROVED as presented; MOTION by RAGAN, supported by LONG.

Agenda changes: None

Correspondence/Public Comments: Communication tower request

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Final Site Plan Review for Michael G. Lasher: Review determined that Lasher was in compliance with Article 14.3 B. A MOTION was made by LONG, seconded by CASE, to approve MICHAEL G. LASHER Site Plan, dated May 3, 2012 as prepared by Intelligent Design, L.L.C. of Houghton Lake, for a 40' x 100' storage building located on 4603 W Higgins Lake Dr., Higgins Lake, MI. Approval contingent upon the understanding that Michael Lasher is to use the storage building for personal usage as presented on May 3, 2012. The storage building is not to be used for rental storage now or in the future as Gerrish Township Zoning Ordinance applies. CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- B. Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance Draft: Due to further study, a MOTION was made by CASE, seconded by RAGAN, to recommend to the Township Board that the Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance Draft dated November 25, 2011, and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Administration of the Gerrish Township Septic Inspection and the Transfer Ordinance Draft dated November 25, 2011 be TABLED to the next meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUS
- C. Review Sewer Systems Feasibility Study by Gerrish Township and Higgins Lake Foundation: LONG gave an updated report of the grant study with participating townships and organizations. It was determined that the study was in progress, and was to be removed from the GTPC agenda. UNANIMOUS
- D. Zoning Review for Michael Walker Property: The following was reviewed: 1) Walker preliminary proposed parcel division sketch of property on Steele Rd, Gerrish Township, dated April 24, 2012 as prepared by North Central Survey Inc. of Prudenville, MI. 2) Walker original application for said property, dated May 31, 2005, for a horse farm and homestead residential sites. 3) GTPC Minutes of December 1, 2011 Review Zoning Classification for Walker Parcel Located on Steele Road. After review, it was determined that MACHAEL WALKER submits an official application to rezone from R-2 to RR, minus application fees. UNANIMOUS

- E. Review/Develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria: LONG gave an update on the following Bills, which were written to clarify the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act passed by voters in 2008. The Bills have passed in the House, and will be going into the Senate.
- a. HB 4834 would require Michigan Marijuana patients to have photo ID on their registry identification card, make the card valid for two years and privatize parts of the registration process. It would also allow law enforcement access to information about patients on the registry.
 - b. HB 4851 would offer stricter guidelines for the "bona fide physician-patient relationship" as it relates to medical marijuana use, including requiring an in-person physical examination of patients.
 - c. HB 4853 would put the penalty for selling marijuana without a proper registry identification card within the sentencing guidelines for a two-year felony.
 - d. HB 4856 would criminalize the transportation of medical marijuana in a motor vehicle under certain conditions.

MOTION by BARBER, seconded by LONG, to recommend to the Township Board, to maintain a moratorium on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria in regards to the Michigan Marijuana Bills. CARRIED UNANIMOUS

- F. Election of GTPC Officers for 2012: UNANIMOUS for Thomas Barber as Chairperson, Rebecca Ragan as Vice Chairperson, and Mary Ann Russom as Secretary.
- G. Review/Set Public Hearing Date for Changes/Corrections to Zoning Ordinance: Target month was for July.

OPEN LINE: NEWTON will continue identifying Zoning Districts that exhibit R-1 within C-1 Districts. Four areas have been identified so far.

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. CARRIED

Next scheduled meeting: June 7, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Tom Barber, Chairperson

Approved: