

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting –November 7, 2013

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

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

Absent: None

Attending: None

Minutes of October 3, 2013 were reviewed. Link moved to accept the minutes as presented, supported by Hoffman; APPROVED.

Agenda Changes: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

A) Review proposed changes to Section 9.4 Signs Permitted in ALL Districts — After reviewing the proposed draft dated 11/7/2013 by BARBER, a MOTION was made by CASE, supported by RAGAN, for present language to be reviewed by Yaske before sending it to the Township Board for consideration. CARRIED

B) Review/develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria — MI Senate passed Bill 660 that would allow pharmacies in MI to distribute “pharmaceutical grade” marijuana. GTPC will continue to develop an ordinance with focus on regulations regarding potential commercial enterprise for Medical Marihuana location and standards and continue in effect the existing moratorium.

C) Continue to develop Septic Inspection and Maintenance standards for Gerrish Township with primary focus to 1) increase public awareness of maintaining a healthy septic system. 2) identify goals for clarity purpose. 3) formulate a process to simplify record keeping - - November 16, due date for “public awareness” article to be submitted to the “Gazette”. Upon visiting Benzie County for a Septic Ordinance update CASE reported that an ordinance was in operation for a health department inspection to evaluate an on-site well system and existing on-site sewage disposal system before sell or transfer of a property.

E.) Items for Review:

1. Recommended: Noisy equipment/appliances (ex: air conditioners, generators) not be permitted within side yards due to minimal side yard setbacks.
2. Recommended: Table 3-4 Footnote 6a to include R-3, R-4 zoning districts due to

changes within current Zoning Ordinance making these once conforming into

nonconforming districts. YASKE to draft amendment proposal with necessary changes for review.

3. Tabled for review: Section 20.8 C front yard garages not permitted.
4. Tabled for review: Nonconforming Structures Article 6 Sec. 6.4 A 2 a, 6.4 A 4 existing “within a commercial zoned district” and where nonconforming status applies to structure and use in combination.
5. Tabled for review: Fencing Ordinance within C-1 District, Sec. 20.15

OPEN LINE: No comments.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. CARRIED.

Next scheduled meeting: December 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: