

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – October 4, 2012

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

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

Absent: Robert Hoffman

Attending: Terry Newton– Assistant Zoning Administrator, Trustee Mary Link

Minutes of August 2, 2012 were APPROVED as presented; MOTION by Ragan, seconded by Long
Agenda Changes: Add Ordinance 16.7 for review

Correspondence: Roscommon County Planning Commission, letter 8/21/2012

Public Comment: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Roscommon County Planning Commission reviewed and accepted the proposed changes and clerical corrections to the zoning ordinance.
- B. Review Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance Draft dated November 25, 2011 and Intergovernmental Agreement for Administration of Gerrish Township Septic Inspection and Transfer Ordinance Draft dated November 25, 2011. Discussion followed. Members were in general agreement with the purpose for said ordinance. Further study was determined for the implementation and administering of said ordinance policy and procedure. This included timing of a sewerage system treatment, and procedure for monitoring and recording of septic maintenance, and dealing with violations. It was recommended that Sergeants and Scotts septic services attend the next meeting to give insight on septic maintenance. Members agreed to draft a letter concerning septic systems within the community for the December township newsletter. LONG, CASE and NEWTON will draft said letter for review.
- C. Comments on MTA August, 2012, workshop was tabled until next meeting.
- D. Review and develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria was in general agreement to maintain a moratorium on Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria. To continue to focus on regulating potential commercial enterprise for Medical Marihuana location and standards. To keep informed on the progress of the State's clarification of the Act.
- E. Speculate on events or zoning regulations that would require an onsite Health Dept. septic system review or inspection. Ideas ranged from bedroom additions to expanding of a building's footprint, to site conditions, to surrounding area impact, and to parcel size.
- F. Review Section 16.7 Variances A, B of Zoning Ordinance Article 16 ZBZ. CASE explained the importance of practical difficulties standards, and asked that the GTPC review both the current Section 16.7 A, B and proposed Section 16.7 A, B draft for input at the next meeting.

OPEN LINE: LINK explained that beginning in October, Republic will be providing the township with curbside recycling. Additional containers can be provided. A recycling information sheet was passed out. NEWTON reported that there was an inquiry on a home wind generator. For the November meeting, review home wind generators, and ham radio towers.

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. CARRIED

Next scheduled meeting: November 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: