

GERRISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

MEETING: Regular Monthly Meeting.
DATE: May 2, 2019.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Briggs, Kirkpatrick, Link, Ostling, Semack, Shaltz, & Wansa.
MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
OTHERS PRESENT: Jansen (Gerrish Township Bldg. & Zoning Administrator).
MEETING OPENED: Meeting called to order by Wansa at 6:58 p.m.
PLEDGE TO FLAG: 6:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MEETINGS ON APR 4, 2019):

1. Motion by Shaltz, seconded by Wansa to approve minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held Apr 4, 2019. Motion carried (7-0).
2. Motion by Link, seconded by Shaltz to approve minutes of the Public Hearing held Apr 4, 2019. Motion carried (7-0).

AGENDA CHANGES: Add GTPC Jul 4, 2019 Meeting date change consideration.

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD (GTB) NEWS (Commissioner Link):

1. *Monthly Meeting Date Change.* The GTB Jul 4th Work Session has been rescheduled for Jul 3rd, 9 a.m.
2. *Gerrish Marina.* Will be putting the Marina Dock in soon.
3. *Gerrish Compost Site.* Opened last week. The new electronic gates are to be installed in the next couple days requiring FOBs to access. Applications and payment for FOBs are available at the Gerrish Town Hall (65 residential & 4 Commercial FOBs have already been purchased).
4. *Gerrish Township Police Department.* Nothing Significant to Report.
5. *Gerrish Township Fire Department.* It is acquiring a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV, i.e. drone).

GTPC MONTHLY MEETING DATE CHANGE: Motion by Shaltz, seconded by Ostling to change the GTPC Jul 4th Monthly Meeting to Jul 3rd, 7 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

BUILDING & ZONING ACTIVITIES (Administrator Jansen):

1. *Fences & Walls – Article 20.15 (pg. 20-8).* This ordinance specifies different setbacks for different types and heights of fences & walls, that are confusing and periodically questioned by Gerrish residents for the rationale behind their establishment. The GTPC continued its discussion from previous meetings in 2018 of potential ordinance changes for clarification and to better serve our township. The GTPC will consider options at its next meeting.
2. *Food Trucks.* A resident recently inquired about procedures and ordinances relating to the operations of a Food Truck in the township. The GTPC discussed issues and potential regulating authorities for such operations.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNS (Commissioner Briggs): No specific concerns from the GTZBA.

1. *ZBA 19.01 held Apr 22, 2019 [10:00].* 114 Mulberry Lane. Side Yard Setback Variance approved (3-1).
2. *ZBA 19.02 sked May 20, 2019 [10:00].* 4750 E. Higgins Lake Dr. Front Yard Setback Variance.
3. *ZBA 19.03 sked May 20, 2019 [11:00].* 333 Kenwood Dr. Front & Side Yard Setback Variance.

SITE PLAN REVIEW CHECKLIST (Commissioner Briggs): Briggs presented options of checklists, supplemental information, letters, and documentation that could be developed and provided to both applicants and the

GTPC to better facilitate the Site Plan Review process. The discussion focused on the information and level of detail deemed appropriate for the different users (GTPC, Applicants, etc.). Briggs will provide the GTPC with draft documents/checklists to review prior to the next meeting.

NEW WATER LAWS (Commissioner Semack): A discussion continued from the previous GTPC Meeting.

OPEN LINE:

1. Opportunity Zones Training Workshop (May 13 @ Kirtland Comm College, Grayling). Briggs will attend this free training to be given by Michigan State University Extension for local officials with a designated Opportunity Zone in their community and how to benefit from its preferential tax opportunities to enhance economic development.
2. MTA Planning & Zoning Workshop (May 16 @ Grayling). Semack will attend this one. Kirkpatrick will attend at another location on another day if possible.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned by Wansa at 9:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Jun 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

Date Approved