

GERRISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

MEETING: Regular Monthly Meeting.
DATE: Jun 6, 2019.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Briggs, Link, Ostling, Semack, & Shaltz.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirkpatrick, Wansa (both excused).
OTHERS PRESENT: None.
MEETING OPENED: Meeting called to order by Shaltz at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE TO FLAG: 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MEETING ON MAY 2, 2019):

1. Motion by Ostling, seconded by Semack to approve minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held May 2, 2019. Motion carried (5-0).

AGENDA CHANGES: None.

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

1. Gerrish Township Cemetery Ordinance. GTB Trustee Lippert will be conducting a review of the cemetery operations and Cemetery Ordinance for the Township Cemetery.

BUILDING & ZONING ACTIVITIES: No report, Administrator Jansen did not attend meeting.

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

SITE PLAN REVIEW CHECKLIST (Commissioner Briggs): Briggs presented a Site Plan Review checklist template from the Michigan Township Association's Township Planning & Zoning Decision-making Handbook. Briggs will complete a draft for the next GTPC meeting, using this format and incorporating the information in accordance with the suggestions from the discussion.

NEW WATER LAWS (Commissioner Semack): A discussion continued from previous meetings, and a determination will be made at the next meeting whether to propose a change to the Zoning Ordinance with respect to "funneling" for lake access.

OPEN LINE:

1. Opportunity Zones (OZs) Training Workshop (May 13 @ Kirtland Comm College, Grayling). Briggs attended. There are two State designated OZs in Roscommon County eligible for preferential tax opportunities to enhance economic development, one includes a northeastern section of Gerrish Township. Applications should be coordinated with the Roscommon County Controller before the Jun 30, 2019 application deadline. Additional opportunities following June are still to be determined.
2. MTA Planning & Zoning Workshop (May 16 in Grayling). Briggs & Semack attended.
3. Regional Community Development Grants Workshop (May 21 in Prudenville). Briggs attended.
4. 2nd Annual Michigan Space Forum (MSF) (May 31 – Jun 1 in Traverse City). Briggs attended. The State of Michigan is looking to apply with the FAA to establish 2 Space Ports in Northern Michigan (potential sites include KI Sawyer & Wurtsmith Air Force Bases closed years ago) to launch rockets & maybe hypersonic aircraft (to the north). With the recent and anticipated technology advancements utilizing space, the commercial sector is looking to launch over 20,000 satellites into space thru early 2030 (only a couple thousand satellites are currently operating in space today). A separate Michigan Space

Symposium will be held in Traverse City on Sep 9-10, 2019. On Sep 14-15, 2020 these two events will convene jointly, and look to get participation from the local governments to inform them of the potential issues and economic opportunities associated with establishing such launch facilities.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned by Shaltz at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Jul 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

Date Approved