

## GERRISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (GTPC) MINUTES

**MEETING:** Regular Monthly Meeting.  
**DATE:** Apr 4, 2019.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Briggs, Kirkpatrick, Link, Ostling, Semack, Shaltz, & Wansa.  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jansen (Gerrish Township [GT] Bldg. & Zoning Administrator), and 1 Citizen.  
**MEETING OPENED:** Meeting called to order by Wansa at 7:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MEETING ON MAR 7, 2019):** Motion by Link, seconded by Shaltz to approve minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held Mar 7, 2019 with changes. Motion carried (7-0).

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None.

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

1. Road Commission. GTB is reviewing the County Road Commission's Proposed Project for 2019-2020.
2. Rental Ordinance Update. GTB will vote to adopt a new Rental Ordinance at their Apr 9th Monthly Meeting. Several Roscommon Townships & the County are also considering Rental Ordinances. They have requested a copy of GT's new Ordinance. It will be posted on its public website once approved.
3. Gerrish Marina. GTB recently hired two seasonal service employees, and is interviewing for the Manager to operate the Gerrish Marina for the Summer 2019 season.
4. Gerrish Compost Site. GTB anticipates approving the Compost Site's new operating guidelines and gate access application procedures at its Apr 9th Monthly Meeting. It will open soon under the previous operating guidelines, until the new guidelines and gates are implemented (estimated May/June 2019).
5. Gerrish Townhall Repairs. GTB will hold a Public Meeting on Apr 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for USDA loan concerning building remediation to the Gerrish Townhall.
6. Gerrish Township Police Department. Nothing Significant to Report.
7. Gerrish Township Fire Department. It is upgrading its website, and looking for some contingent/Part-time Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Applications are available at the Department.

**BUILDING & ZONING ACTIVITIES (Administrator Jansen):** A local business is considering a building addition that will require a Site Plan Review if pursued.

**SPECIAL LAND USE & PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN (SP) REVIEW (Applicant Mr. Randy Piipponen):** Immediately prior to this meeting, a Public Hearing was held to consider a Special Land Use request by Mr. Randy Piipponen, for an "Auto Repair Facility" to be built and operated at 451 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653 (Property Code 72-004-001-022-0040). Owner of record is Mr. Marc McKee. Neither the applicant Mr. Randy Piipponen, or any other designated representative attended this hearing. Commissioner Semack informed the GTPC that during his site visit at this property this afternoon (Apr 4, 2019) Mr. Randy Piipponen was there and informed him that he no longer intends to pursue building his proposed business on this property, and therefore would not attend the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Shaltz, seconded by Wansa, "to table any further action with respect to 451 W. Federal Hwy, Roscommon, MI 48653 (Property Code 72-004-001-022-0040), pending further communications with Mr. Piipponen." Motion carried (7-0).

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONCERNS (Commissioner Briggs):**

1. ZBA 18.08 on Apr 22, 2019 [10:00]. 114 Mulberry Lane. Side Yard Setback Variance.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW CHECKLIST (Commissioner Briggs):** The status of this project was briefly discussed and will be a primary point of focus at the next meeting.

**FUTURE CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE:**

1. New Water Laws. Information was provided and discussed concerning water laws.

**OPEN LINE:**

1. Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). GTPC continued a past discussion on the dangerous health impacts and lack of public awareness of local utility companies current use of the hazardous chemical PFAS in their sprays on trees and local vegetation (to stunt their growth) in the vicinity of power lines.
2. Michigan Legislators Public Office Hours Roscommon. Legislators representing Gerrish Township conduct periodic Public Office Hours in our area to meet with our residents. MI State Senator (35<sup>th</sup> District) Curt VanderWall; MI State Representative (District 103), Daire Rendon; and U.S. Congressman (MI 4<sup>th</sup> District), John Moolenaar. Locations (usually Roscommon County Bldg.), dates, and hours get posted on Roscommon County's Facebook page, and in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned by Wansa at 8:17 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Michael B. Briggs, Secretary

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Date Approved