

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – December 1, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Barber at the Gerrish Township Municipal Building.

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

Absent: Robert Hoffman, Rebecca Ragan

Attending: Robert Yaske Gerrish Township Zoning Administrator

MOTION was made by LONG, supported by BARBER, to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011 as presented. CARRIED

MOTION was made by ALYAS, supported by LONG, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2011 as presented. CARRIED

AGENDA CHANGES: Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Review/develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria: Focus on regulations regarding potential commercial enterprise for Medical Marihuana location and standards. C-2 Zoning District with Article 7 Standards and Regulations for Special Land use. Review Section 7.2 D, Section 7.2 E, Section 7.6 A, to include public land and public parks. Review purpose and definitions. YASKE gave a report on the conference he attended conducted through the MI Attorney General's Office to develop Medical Marihuana criteria for rules and regulation standards. Discussion followed with a recommendation to the Township Board to extend the moratorium on cultivation, sale, storage and disbursement of Medical Marihuana for Gerrish Township, dated September 13, 2011, due to lack of information and direction from the state of MI. The Planning Commission will continue to pursue/develop Medical Marihuana Ordinance Criteria for Gerrish Township. BARBER will notify the Township Board.
- B. Review zoning classification for Walker parcel located on Steel Road: After discussion, it was noted that a map preparation error had occurred. The correction will be forward onto an agenda for a Public Hearing with further Zoning Ordinance Amended changes. The Township will initiate the Zoning Ordinance change for clarification to rezone the Walker property to RR status. YASKE is preparing a list of concerns to be reviewed for the Zoning Ordinance Amended changes in preparation for a Public Hearing.
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement for Administration of the Gerrish Township Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance: CASE gave a brief history of its conception. The proposed ordinance would require that a sewage treatment/septic system and water supply system be inspected prior to a transfer of title to the land. "The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect public health and to prevent or minimize the degradation of groundwater and surface water quality by malfunctioning sewage treatment and disposal systems and to assure safe water supplies by the evaluation of the (STDS) and to assure safe water supplies by the evaluation of the STDS and private water supply systems at the time of transfer of the property served by the STDS". Members will review the proposal, and Milton Township adopted ordinance.

OPEN LINE: A Nonconforming Building or Structures comparison study between the current Zoning Ordinance Article 6, Definition Article 21, Article 20 D and former Zoning Ordinance Article 5 on Nonconforming Structures will be conducted by YASKE, BARBER, and CASE for review.

Clarification needed for Table 3-3 Footnotes. Number 3 is missing in print.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2012 at 7 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. CARRIED

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: