

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – April 01, 2010

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Barber at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center.

Present: Thomas Barber, William Case, James Ostling , Mary Ann Russom

Absent: Nate Alyas, Robert Hoffman, Trustee Gary Long

Attending: Terry Newton, Assistant Zoning Administrator, Larry Paxton and Linda Jackson

MOTION by BARBER supported by CASE to approve the Minutes of March 04, 2010, 3 approved, 1 abstained.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT: BARBER commented on the preparation of the zoning maps' signature blocks; 20 copies for distribution.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Reviewed Proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance, Section 20.22 Outdoor Furnaces: TABLED for further review by joint GTPC Members. PAXTON questioned the one-hundred (100) feet furnace location from a given rear lot line in view of the current rear set backs for structures. BARBER addressed the question with notation, that the draft ordinance in its simplicity, addresses a major concern for smoke emissions and nuisance in relationship to surrounding neighbors.
- B. Reviewed Proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance, Section 20.12 Higgins Lake Shoreline Stabilization and Definition: TABLED for further review by joint GTPC Members. After discussion, RUSSOM suggested to DELETE the word "AND" within the second line to read: "The stabilization is to be constructed of loose rock rip rap (6" average, 10" maximum *diameter size*). *Geo-textile cloth* or similar material may be used....." Reasoning was to eliminate the mandate of having to construct with loose rock rip rap AND geo-textile cloth. Thus added more flexibility to the nature of construction for shoreline stabilization.
- C. Reviewed Proposed Draft Zoning Ordinance for Agriculture Use as a District: TABLED for further review. CASE noted that the current Agricultural District comprised of twelve (12) parcels with one state owned and eleven (11) privately owned while only one third desired to maintain a separate Agricultural District. The Master Plan provided agriculture usage within the Conservation District (RC) and Residential District (RR). After deliberating on proposing an amendment to the Master Plan based upon a minority interest, a MOTION by CASE, supported by RUSSOM, to send an informed letter to the Agricultural Community to encourage dialogue. CARRIED.
- D. Site Plan Review for Higgins Lake Landscaping, 9565 N Cut Road, Roscommon, MI prepared by James Ostling, 03.26.2010 Parcel 4, Part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 15: TABLED for final review by joint GTPC Members.

MOTION by OSTLING, supported by BARBER to adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, May 06, 2010 at 7:00 PM

MARY ANN RUSSOM, SECRETARY

THOMAS BARBER, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED: