

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting - February 04, 2010

Regular meeting was called to order at 7: P.M. by Chairman Barber at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center.
Present: Thomas Barber, William Case, Trustee Gary Long, James Ostling, Mary Ann Russom.
Attending: Robert Yaske - Gerrish Township Zoning Adm., Terry Newton – Assistant Zoning Adm., Linda Jackson, Larry Paxton, Trisha Roberts, Bill Roberts, Peg Mann, and Nate Alyas.

Motion by Ostling, supported by Long to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2010, CARRIED

AGENDA CHANGES: Add C Elections; D Agriculture District

CORRESPONDENCE: Master Plan Amendments of 1.24.2010 to Township Board

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- A. Reviewed proposed Outdoor Furnaces Ordinance for Installation and Use: Tabled for further study and review of Lyon Township Zoning Ordinance.
- B. Reviewed proposed Section 20.12 of Draft May 2009 Zoning Ordinance/Shoreline Stabilization. Tabled. Yaske will contact Mark of LandPlan to clarify B. Requirements, 3 in reference to “shoreline that are not in compliance with the standards of this subsection upon documentation that the MDEQ requires or recommends alternative measures. “
- C. Election of Officers for 2010 year: Motion by Case to nominate Barber for Chairperson, Russom for Secretary; motion amended and supported by Long to include nomination of Case as Vice Chairperson. With no other nominations, the current slate of officers were approved.
- D. Agricultural District: The attendees expressed concern that the Master Plan does not specifically provide a designated zoning district for agriculture. They were concerned with conflict of interest between owners of acreage for agriculture when mixed with five acre lots. They support the continuation of an agricultural zoning district for privacy and raising of animals. Paxton presented to the GTPC a proposed zoning district for agriculture, and publications on agriculture zoning and tourism. Barber explained that the Master Plan does not exclude agriculture practices. The use is permitted within Resource Conservation Zoning District with more options to owners, and to control building site development. Requirement changes/ amendment changes for mapping of a specific agriculture district, within the Master Plan, needs investigating. Board members will review the following:
 1. Agriculture Tourism Local Zoning Guidebook and Model Zoning Ordinance Provisions, January 2007
 2. Michigan Agricultural Tourism Advisory Commission, January 2007
 3. Websites: michigan.gov/mda michigan.gov/agtourism

OPEN LINE: Scheduled for Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 04 , 2010 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: