

Gerrish Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting - January 14, 2010

Regular meeting was called to order at 7: P.M. by Chairman Barber at the Gerrish Township Municipal Center.

Members Present: Thomas Barber, William Case, Trustee Gary Long, James Ostling

Members Absent: Mary Ann Russom, Rick Mordue

Present: Robert Yastke Building & Zoning Administrator, Terry Newton Zoning, Mark Eidelson AICP, president LandPlan, Frank Homola Twp Supervisor, Larry Paxton and Linda Jackson

Motion by Long, supported by Case: CARRIED to approve the minutes of the December 03, 2009, as presented.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Copy of Minutes from Crawford County Planning and Zoning showing support and accept of Gerrish Township Master Plan amendments

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paxton and Jackson have questions regarding lack of Agriculture district and the development guidelines in districts allowing agriculture uses.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

A. Public hearing for Master Plan Amendments was opened and comments received from those in attendance. Comments of concern were as follows;

Lack of Agriculture district may encourage development of currently zoned agriculture land to non agriculture usages.

The Master Plan's recommended zoning districts of Resource Conservation and Rural Residential/Conservation that allow agriculture usages, would permit development of land into 5 acre parcels/lots.

With no further public comment, motion by Ostling and supported by Hoffman: CARRIED to close public hearing at 7:43 PM.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that the stated concerns are not contained within the amendments that are being considered. Should the PC want to change Master Plan to include AG district, a new amendment would be drafted and complete process for amending Master Plan be followed. After discussion it was agreed that the concerns would be best addressed either by a future amendment or when proposed zoning changes are being developed.

The attached Resolution for Approval was presented and PASSED unanimously with roll call vote by Planning Commission members present.

- B. Discussed and reviewed Zoning draft Section 20.22 Outdoor Furnaces requirements for the installation and use. Changes will be made and re-submitted to PC by Yastke

- C. Discussed and reviewed Zoning draft Section 20.12 Higgins Lake Shoreline Stabilization:
Land area 10 feet inland beyond high water level would be considered outside of Shoreline Stabilization requirements.
Eidelson will prepare revisions as per discussion.

OPEN LINE: Scheduled for Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: