

Gerrish Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting February 2, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Barbara Polisei.

Members present: Polisei, Wansa, Case, Boyle, Link, Tucker

Members absent: Hoffman

Attending: Jason Janson, Paula Frankowski, Brenda Faulker and one resident

Motion by Link, seconded by Wansa, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

No Agenda changes.

An update regarding the Board's action regarding the Septic Ordinance. An informational meeting in May was suggested. Nothing in writing has been presented to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Boyle, supported by Case, that since the Septic Ordinance, form 8/26/2016, has been sent to the attorney and it has been approved in its current form and since the Ordinance as it stands is not conducive to an all-inclusive Township review of the current septic upkeeps, and since the Septic point of sale Ordinance is a much needed starting point for the health and safety of all Township residents and its waters, the PC recommends that the Board hold a Public Hearing for the proposed passing of said Point of Sale Ordinance. The PC would then begin work on an additional Ordinance that would describe the procedure(s) needed to ensure that all Septic Systems were inspected and brought up to code every 5 years. Motion approved.

State House Bill 5732 Septic Ordinance was reviewed to see which parts would be appropriate for a local Ordinance.

Possible Grant monies are available through Making Healthy Lakes Together. It was suggested that the Township investigate availability.

The Medical Marihuana Ordinance update included information from MTA that the Township should do nothing regarding regulation of such. Chief Hill will be consulted to clarify this contradicting information as to what action the Township should be taking.

ZBA member Boyle presented the concern expressed at a recent ZBA meeting that the current maximum 17 ft. height restriction for accessory buildings in residential areas should be reexamined in light of the

larger size boats and campers with ac units. A taller building would allow for higher garage doors. Further discussion and action to be considered.

The Site plan application presented by Bruce Ely and Paula Frankowski was reviewed. The updated plans included the identification of the mechanical room, future office space and restroom. Egress requirements were discussed.

Motion by Case, seconded by Boyle, to approve the application as updated. Motion carried.

Brenda Faulker, Streamside Manager, requested that their Special Use Permit be altered. Special Use Permits follow the building with new owners. The current permit allows operational hours until 10:00 p.m. The Zoning Ordinance states no outdoor entertainment in eating areas. There have been complaints regarding noise and music.

Motion by Polisei, seconded by Tucker, that the operating hours for the outdoor eating area be until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The music situation to be further investigated and addressed with a Zoning Ordinance amendment a possibility.

No Public comments.

Next meeting March 2, 2017.

Motion by Case, seconded by Wansa, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Norma Lee Boyle, Secretary