

Gerrish Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting November 6, 2014

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

**Members Present:** Nate Alyas, Thomas Barber, William Case, Robert Hoffman, Mary Link Trustee, Rebecca Ragan, Mary Ann Russom

**Members absent:** None

**Attending:** Jason Jansen, Building & Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Link, seconded by Barber: **Carried**  
Minutes of October 2, 2014 were approved as presented.

Agenda Changes: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- A) **Septic inspection standards at time of transfer of ownership:** Topics discussed were: Mission Statement, State Legislature's status quo, public education, point of sale, and septic preventative and maintenance. Reviewed a realtor Purchase Agreement sample that included "Well/Septic" inspection as part of a purchase agreement, and a sample septic inspector qualification statement. Members requested data of ownership property transfers/sold during the past 3 to 5 years within the township. Recommendations to be submitted to Township Board for consideration were: to broaden public education in partnership with Central MI District Health Dept., to work with area's realtor association (PBAR), to work with State Legislature to amend current water quality bond money to assist property owners with a low-interest loan program for septic system repairs, and to work with surrounding townships to promote education regarding septic systems maintenance and inspection.
- B) **Medical Marihuana ordinance criteria:** Discussed potential commercial Medical Marihuana locations and standards. Reviewed Table 3-3 Uses of a Primarily Industrial Character and Table 3-4 Site Development Requirements. Discussed permit requirements for Primary Caregiver and application to operate. Declined consideration to include violation penalty, and civil forfeiture. MM draft to

follow current zoning ordinance publication format and to be part of Article 7.  
Tabled for further review.

OPEN LINE: No comments.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. CARRIED.

Next scheduled meeting: December 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Mary Ann Russom, Secretary

Thomas Barber, Chairperson

Approved: