

Clearwater Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting of June 6, 2016
As approved June 27, 2016

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:

Commissioners present: Backers, Eldridge, Fields, Parzych, Von See.

Township officials: Zoning Administrator Molby

Public: Giannine Cassasa, Norm Neuenschwander, Carol Backers, John Vogel, Kathy Amerman, Connie Molby

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Call for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests:

All commissioners declared no conflicts of interests with any items on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the minutes of May 2, 2016, as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda:

Norm Neuenschwander – invited all to the public information meeting to be held at the township hall, in the gym, at 10 a.m. June 25, when the Sandbar Task Force will report to the community.

Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:

Zoning Administrator Molby asked that we review the zoning ordinance language concerning the placement of trailers on residential property. The topic will be on the agenda for June 27.

Commissioners Backers and Fields went on record in support of renewing the township road millage.

Ongoing Permanent Business:

The commission will be reviewing the existing fifty-foot setback from water bodies, in particular what can and cannot be done between the dwelling and the shore of the water body. This topic will be on the agenda for June 27.

Commissioner Backers reported that the County changed two words in the language of its proposal on dwelling size and resubmitted the it for consideration. Commissioner Backers will attempt to secure a copy of the proposal for our information.

Zoning Ordinance section xx review and discussion

Old Business:

Sandbar – Clerk Eldridge read *Resolution 6* of Clearwater Township in support of the lawsuit filed by TLPA seeking an injunction against three defendants who have promoted the Fourth of July uncontrolled “Party on Torch.” The court hearing is scheduled for tomorrow (June 7) at noon.

Master plan – Clerk Eldridge reports that the township is awaiting funds from the lumbering project on McNulty Hill, those funds to go into a Capital Improvement Fund. The details and future plans of said fund will also become part of the Master Plan.

Medical Marijuana – No news coming forth from Lansing.

Report of Township Representative:

Report from Trustee and Clerk Eldridge – there is a meeting planned for June 9, 2016 at 7 p.m., to consider extending the current 600 foot no wake zone, out to 900 feet. Both Clearwater and Milton Townships agree on this request. It is now for the DNR to receive public comment and deliberate on the matter.

The township is purchasing two big black and white flags with a red cross on them, to be placed at the public access; and the township is placing a dumpster at the access site.

There have been some issues with kids and keys to the gym. It’s being addressed through the parents. If that doesn’t work, we’ll have to change the locks.

There was an issue with load limits on the Glade Valley bridge, in connection with a new house built there. The issue has been dealt with.

The road millage language has been approved for the August 2, 2016 election. There will be a public hearing on it before election, the date as yet TBA. Road Commissioner John Rogers is applying to the state for extra funds to help.

Report of Zoning Administrator:

Clerk Eldridge reported that Guy Molby will be taking some time off from his position as Zoning Administrator while he recovers from recent surgery. The township board has appointed Adam Parzych as Acting ZA until Guy can return to duty. Molby will assist and advise Parzych, and remain on call.

New Business

There was no new business for this meeting.

Closing Public Comment:

Carol Backers – reports that there is construction happening on Kellogg Road under power line at the river. Discussion on how to get the assistance of the Zoning Administrator.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Assignments:

- Review of placement of trailers on residential property – on the agenda for June 27.
- Review of the fifty-foot setback requirements for properties on waterfront properties – on the agenda for June 27.
- Backers seeking copy of new proposal re small houses from county

Next Meeting: June 27, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Norris Fields
Secretary