

Clearwater Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting of August 29, 2016
As approved September 19, 2016

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:

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

Township official: Zoning Administrator Molby

Public: Bruce Belanger, Carol Backers, Jessica Tracey, Trudie Sanson.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the agenda as presented, with correction of typo on year of August 1 minutes (from 2019 to 2016). Motion carried.

Call for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests:

Chair calls for commissioners to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interests. There were none

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the minutes of August 1, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda: There was none.

Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:

Commissioner Backers asked whether Chair Parzych had any information yet from the VFW concerning the proposed flag memorial. He did not.

Commissioner Fields reported that Amendment 6 to Ordinance 22, concerning monuments and memorial structures in the township, was enacted by the Township Board on August 18, published in the Elk Rapids News on August 25, and will become law on September 2.

Ongoing Permanent Business:

Commissioner Backers has not received word from the County Board of Commissioners on the question of minimum dwelling space requirements. Bruce Belanger commented that the county simply removed all reference to square footage requirements.

Chair Parzych commented that there is nothing new on the medical marijuana matter.

Old Business:

No old business to consider at this meeting.

Report of Township Representative:

Report from Trustee and Clerk Eldridge. The road millage passed 3-to-1. Baggs Road was selected to be the first one repaired. Clearwater and Whitewater townships will be working together to get this accomplished. Grand Traverse County has declined to participate unless our township agrees to brand new road construction rather than resurfacing, which is financially not feasible.

The township parking lots have been re-sealed. The 2016 fire contract has been signed with Rapid River Township. Notice has been given that for 2017, Clearwater Township will begin charging 1.5 mils for the contract, just as we do for the Clearwater residents.

Report of Zoning Administrator:

Report from Zoning Administrator Molby Molby distributed his report for August 2016, which report is hereby incorporated into the record by reference, and a copy of which is attached to the permanent copy of these minutes as [Att A].

Three municipal tickets have been issued Dennis Castle, August 25; Daniel & Becky Rau (properties in both names required service to each one individually), August 22. These are civil infractions.

New Business

Commissioners reviewed for completeness, the special use permit application, from Jessica Tracey for a mother-in-law secondary dwelling on her property. After review, the following motions were made:

Motion by Parzych, second by Backers, to accept the application as complete. Motion carried.

Motion by Backers, second by Von See, to set the public hearing date as September 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Closing Public Comment:

In closing, Commissioner Backers noted that because Trustee Beland ran for Supervisor and did not prevail in the August primary election, she will no longer be on the board. Candidate Pat Hubble will be running unopposed for the vacant seat.

Adjournment:

Motion by Backers, second by Eldridge, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:43 pm.

Assignments:

- Fields to arrange for publication of public hearing,

Next Meeting: Special meeting September 19, next regular meeting October 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Norris Fields
Secretary

