

**Clearwater Township**  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting of March 2, 2015  
As Approved April 6, 2015

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:**

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

Commissioners absent: Vance.

Township officials: Zoning Administrator Molby

Public: Cliff Murie

**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:**

Chair calls for commissioners to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interests. All commissioners declared they had none.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the minutes of February 2, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda:**

Cliff Murie – is a real estate investor who serves as secretary to the Rental Property Owners Association, and does own property in Clearwater Township that he has rented out. He and several regional real estate investors are interested in advancing the affordable housing market in this area. He pointed out that the new Meijers store being developed in the new shopping plaza in Acme Township is going to push commercial and residential development toward Kalkaska, as well as provide new jobs to the area. Mr. Murie made the comment that he believes Rapid City is ripe for development of affordable multifamily housing and senior housing. He came to find out what the sentiment is in Clearwater Township toward such developments.

During discussion, Mr. Murie indicated he would be willing to write a letter to the Township Board, citing the rationale for encouraging thoughtful development of affordable multifamily housing and senior housing complexes in the township. The members of the Planning Commission welcomed such a communication from Mr. Murie's organization.

**Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:**

Commissioner Backers distributed "NO" buttons and suggested that we should wear these buttons on our coats to discourage the gasoline tax proposal to be voted on May 5, 2015. He commented that the proposal will change the tax from 19 cents per gallon to 14.9% of the price per gallon. He recommended that all should carefully research the language of

the proposal, before casting a vote, in order to make a fully-informed decision on the matter.

**Old Business:**

There has been no feedback, yet, on the township attorney's rewrite of our proposed amendment to Article XXVI of the Zoning Ordinance, that regulates the Zoning Board of Appeals.

We have nothing new on the changes to the Michigan Medical Marijuana law. We do anticipate that eventually, marijuana will become a regulated product, similar to alcohol, but that hasn't happened yet.

**Report of Township Representative:**

Clerk Vance is ill, so unavailable to give us a report. We do have the minutes of the regular township board meeting. None of us was able to attend the last meeting, and both Adam Parzych and Guy Molby were asked not to attend.

**Report of Zoning Administrator:**

Zoning Administrator Molby – distributed his report for February 2015, which 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].

**New Business**

No new business at this time.

**Closing Public Comment:**

Cliff Murie - Inquired whether the property at M-72 and Hill Road is within Clearwater Township. It is. He commented that it would be a beautiful setting for a condo complex, with a lovely view of Lake Skegemog, and striking sunsets.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Backers, second by Fields, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m., in the Clearwater Township Community Center (aka The Little Red Schoolhouse).

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Norris Fields  
Secretary

Zoning Administration Monthly Report FEB, 2015 Clearwater Township

1 Land Use Permits

Garages, Sheds

Residences

Residences with Attached Garage

1 Pole Barns 7022 RAMPART RD.

Resident Additions

Decks, Porches, etc.

Miscellaneous, Other Buildings

7 Field Checks

— Attorney Contacts

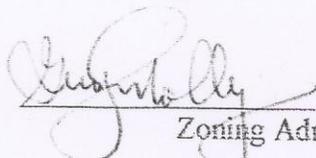
1 Planning Commission Meetings

17 Contacts with Public, Home and Land Owners

1 ZBA Meetings and/or Township Board Meetings

— Training Sessions

— Zoning Violations



Zoning Administrator