

Standish Township
Planning Commission Minutes
August 3, 2020

Meeting brought to order by Deb Krajewski at 6PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deb Krajewski, Bobbi Lynch, Dale Raymond, Ryan Klenk (new member).

Present: ZA Gary McFarland

Absent: 0-0

Motion made by Lynch and supported by Raymond to accept the March 2, 2020 minutes with one correction. Change the word resent to present. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Motion made by Lynch and supported by Raymond to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed, 4 to 0.

Zoning Administrator Report

Gary McFarland went over several issues on his written report stating everything is moving along. Quite a few permits have been issued and explained about the one on McLarty Rd. having violations. Current report is for June dated July 12th. There are possibly two special land use permits in the works, Worth Rd. and M-13. Gary would also like to get a copy of the current special land use permit the township is using. The assessor, Ronda Parks, has a request to combine Randy Merling's three parcels, #18, #19 and #20. Zoning has approved the combining of the lots.

Old Business:

Extraction of natural resources 6.12.1: Deb explained since the township ordinance was written the State of Michigan has a Senate Bill 431 which would eliminate zoning and oversight authority from local governments for sand and gravel mining operations - regardless of where the operation is located or its impact to nearby residents, schools, businesses, or others (information taken from MTA action alert article) therefore we will put a hold on this to see what the State does.

New Business:

Dog Leash Law: Bobbi brought up an issue with a dog biting a person on Whites Beach Road. She is not sure what day of the week it happened. The animal control was called but no answer at the animal control office and the police were called but they did not respond. She would like us to looking a zoning for dogs to be leashed in public. Bobbi Lynch will call animal control and find out what their procedures are and also call a couple of other townships and see if they have an ordinance on dogs being leashed. Planning will address this at the September meeting.

Ryan Klenk will send all board members his email address and phone number for our records. He will address the need for cameras for the township hall at the next township board meeting. Ryan will pick up Gary McFarland's post office box key for him. People have been stopping in Ryan's business with issues

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on blight such as, Lalonde on M 13, Gath Trucking on M13 and the trailer next to Mrs. Vaughn on M-13. Ryan will check on the internet at the township hall.

Gary McFarland pointed out that the map shows everyone lakeshore except him. Sandy Drive should be rezoned lakeshore. The map needs to be changed to blue color for lakeshore. Deb Krajewski will check this out since she has a couple of other issues the with lakeshore district. Gary McFarland commented that the fence ordinance on water front property is supposed to be for anyone living on the water.

Township Report by Bobbi Lynch: stated bids for water and sewer were placed in the newspaper.

Public Comments:

Resident Floyd Bender: reference to March 2 minutes mentioned weeds and stated the township has no ordinance to cover this. Krajewski explained the township does not accept responsibility to clean the weeds from the ditches and feels it is a Road Commission issue.

Resident Wayne Rood: asked about the sewer and water. Krajewski explained he needs to attend the township board meeting next Monday and they can explain everything. Mr. Rood realized he was at the wrong meeting and apologized. He also asked whom to contact to be able to fill his yard in. Gary McFarland gave him several phone numbers of people to contact.

Motion made by Bobbi Lynch and supported by Dale Raymond to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time 7:10pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Due to Labor Day.

Minutes prepared by Dale Raymond, recording secretary.