

**Standish Township
Planning Commission
June 7, 2021 Minutes**

Meeting brought to order by Deb Krajewski at 6:00pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Present: Wayne Reetz, Deb Krajewski, Dale Raymond, Ryan Klenk

Absent: -0-

Present ZA: Gary McFarland

Deb Krajewski informed the public that the covid 19 rules of 6 feet apart and wear a mask if you have not had your shot are in place.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Motion made by Wayne Reetz and supported by Ryan Klenk to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to recess the regular meeting and go into the public hearing. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time was 6:03pm.

Public Hearing: Change Sandy Drive from a residential district to a lakeshore district.

Deb Krajewski set the ground rules: state your name and spell your last name, each person will have 3 minutes to speak, talk directly to chairperson.

Ron Cardinal: said why are we being compared to Bangor Township? Board replied no you are not. Ron said we are next to Pinconning Township and they are residential. Ryan Klenk said he looked at other lake areas not just Bangor to see how they were listed.

Mary Jo Bender: if you are rezoning Sandy Drive to lakeshore, why not Great Lake area. Deb Krajewski said it is lakeshore and checked the maps. Mary Jo said OK.

Frank Allinger: said he was from Whites Beach and is having problems with fences too. Deb Krajewski explained the public hearing is about zone changing Sandy Drive to lakeshore and not about fences.

Bob Hummel: stated, since 2010 Sandy Drive has been zoned residential. Whites Beach is zoned lakeside because they have rentals and a tavern. Deb Krajewski said you can have rentals in the residential district. Mr. Hummel said we don't want to change and can't understand why the township is doing this. Cathy Novak gave her three minutes to Bob Hummel. Deb Krajewski explained it is part of planning commission's job to make our districts consistent.

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Josh Klee: what is the difference between residential and lakeshore, no one notified us. Deb Krajewski stated we followed the Michigan law, we have copies of the information for residents to review, and our zoning book gives details on what rules we follow. Ryan Klenk said the rules are here to protect you. Josh Klee said it would not have been difficult for you to notify us. Deb Krajewski said not one person has come to a planning commission meeting. Planning Commission meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6pm.

Jan Cardinal: Read from her notes, asking questions about what was in the minutes of the meetings, stated Gary McFarland has issues with fences, why aren't we compare to Pinc. Twp. since we border them. Leonard LaBean gave his 3 minutes to Jan Cardinal. Mary Socia gave her 3 minutes to Jan Cardinal. Jan Cardinal wanted to know how is this going to benefit the township if the change is made. Deb Krajewski explained the master plan and how we need to be consistent with the districts. Jan Cardinal asked about the petition that was signed by them and what will happen to it. Dale Raymond explained planning cannot do anything with the petition. It had to go to the elected officials and follow procedures. A copy of the petition was handed out to all planning commission members. Ryan Klenk asked the residents if they all thought it was a lakeshore district and most agreed.

Kendra Adrian: asked what is the need to change from residential to lakeshore? what started this whole process? Deb Krajewski said if we see something that is not right we want to fix it.

Mary Schultz: what about fences? Will they be allowed to stay? Deb Krajewski said yes, as long as they are maintained and kept in good shape. Mary Schultz asked is this a personal agenda. Deb Krajewski said our responsibility is to hold the meeting and the board makes the decision to change the zoning. The Planning Commission must follow state law.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to close the public hearing and return to regular meeting. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time was 6:37pm.

Deb Krajewski asked for open discussion between board members. Dale Raymond spoke and said as a representative for the residents of the township she felt since 23 of 24 residents want to keep Sandy Drive a residential district she would vote against the recommendation to change to lakeshore district.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to recommend to the Standish Township Board to change the zoning at Sandy Drive from a residential district to a lakeshore district. There was a roll call vote.

Ayes: Ryan Klenk, Deb Krajewski, Wayne Reetz.

Nays: Dale Raymond

Motion passed 3 to 1.

ZA Gary McFarland: went over written report. See attached copy to minutes. Planning Commission and Standish Township Board members already have an email copy.

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Fence Ordinance:

Deb Krajewski passed out information on waterfront areas. We are not just looking at lakeshore areas but also waterfront areas. There are two areas which are subdivisions; Memory Crest is a channel and Miller River Bend on Pine River. We are not rezoning these areas but looking at fences and see if fences would impact their neighbors view. We do not want to spot zone but be consistent. Front is the side facing the water. We need to look at a starting point, protect the view, height restrictions and more. Each member is to bring back ideas on fences at next meeting.

Public Comment:

Mary Schultz wanted to know now that planning approved the zoning change, what's next? It will go to the township board for approval or denial.

Ron Cardinal: complained about taking issues to the zoning administrator.

Mary Jo Bender: issues on fences, who protects me for my view, there are 4 lots not being mowed. I have complained for 3 years and nothing was done so I put up a fence and it has been there for 5 years. We need to enforce the rules we already have and not make more.

Randy Socia: why are the fans not on?

Floyd Bender: I took a blight issue to Ryan Klenk and haven't heard from him yet. Ryan Klenk will get with Bender, as a friend, and check on blight issues at White's Beach.

Motion made by Dale Raymond and Supported by Wayne Reetz to close the meeting. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time 7:17pm

Next Meeting: July 5, 2021

Meeting recorded by Dale Raymond, recoding clerk
6/10/21