

**Standish Township
Planning Commission
Minutes May 2, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Dale Raymond at 6:00pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiances.

Present: Ryan Klerk, Dale Raymond, Wayne Reetz, Melissa Jennings, Gary McFarland, & Zoning Administrator, Harold Woolhiser
Absent: Frank Allinger, Carlos Mori

Dale Raymond offered to continue to record the minutes for the meetings. **Motion** made by Melissa Jennings and supported by Wayne Reetz to accept Dale Raymond as recording clerk. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Melissa Jennings to accept the April 4, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Motion made by Wayne Reetz and supported by Melissa Jennings to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

ZA Harold Woolhiser: Nothing new at this time on the camper complaint, still working on it. Woolhiser went over his written report.

Trustee Ryan Klenk: The Township had an issue with Google (being able to contact board members) and is working on it. Ryan Klenk is in charge of this. Jays will be township lawn care. They are putting a dumpster at the cemetery for cleanup. D & N Garage was approved. Larry Davis came to the board and asked for the township to help with the clean-up of the Clam Drain. Township share is \$400.00.

Old Business:

1. Short Term Rentals: A copy of an email from the township attorney, with his opinion, was passed out to all board members. Gary McFarland agreed with the attorney. If we do something with short term regulations then we need checks and balances in place. He is ok if we opt out completely from regulations of short term rentals. Wayne Reetz said he has no problem with opting out of regulations. Melissa Jennings said to opt out. We don't have the people to regulate it. Ryan Klenk said to opt out. Said the House passed a bill that short term rentals are ok. Gary McFarland also added that the House passed the bill but the Senate has not passed it on short term rentals and added we do not have enough people to regulate it and having regulations could cause problems for the Board. Raymond said then we need to take it out of the zoning book completely so if it isn't in the book we don't regulate it.

Motion made by Melissa Jennings and supported by Ryan Klenk to opt out of any short term regulations. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Dale Raymond asked everyone to go through the zoning book and highlight anything that pertains to short term rentals and bring it back to our next meeting.

Old Business:

Short Term Rental Georgia Torson: After the conversation on short term rentals all members felt that this should go through. In past practice people have been able to have cottage rentals in the Whites Beach area and we should not deny this one. Harold Woolhiser will contact Georgia Torson and let her know.

New Business:

Master Plan Review: New books were done by The Design Company and passed out to all members so everyone has the same book. Homework for members is to read the Master Plan for next month. Township is looking for changes such as the new flood zone report, water and sewer in the Whites Beach area, zoning change for Sandy Drive to lakeshore district. Harold Woolhiser stated, for addition information go on the website ALICE. It has current information on stats for all states.

Public Comment:

Kay Weber: concerning rentals: The property is a private area. We pay for our roads, feel it is safe because it is private. Doesn't like people coming and going. Township should adhere to the zoning book. There are no tax dollars that come to our roads. The roads are maintained by the property owners. Township is opening up a can of worms.

Floyd Bender: rentals are really needed in all districts. People have been renting since the 50's. There are not any regulations on long term rentals.

Monica Allinger: If short term rentals are not regulated who will maintain the roads. We have been maintaining our private road.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Melissa Jennings. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time 6:54pm.