

**Standish Township
Planning Commission
Minutes September 8, 2020**

Meeting brought to order by Debbie Krajewski at 6:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Debbie Krajewski, Bobbie Lynch, Dale Raymond, Ryan Klenk

Present: ZA Gary McFarland

Absent: -0-

Motion made by Bobbie Lynch and supported by Ryan Klenk to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed 4 to -0-.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Dale Raymond and supported by Bobbie Lynch. Motion passed 4 to -0-.

ZA Report by Gary McFarland: McFarland went over his written report.

Old Business:

Dog Leash Ordinance: Bobbie Lynch reported she did her homework and research on this subject. The dog catcher and sheriff did follow up on the complaint of a dog bite. The Animal Control and Sheriff Department both follow the Michigan and county leash laws so the township is covered. There is no need for a township to have a dog leash ordinance.

Lake Shore: Deb Krajewski reported that Gary McFarland said Sandy Drive in not included in the lakeshore property. Gary produced a color coded map of the township. Looking at the map it is color coded yellow which stands for residential. Township will look into the issue to see if it was assigned residential and need to change the district to lakeshore or is it a housekeeping error and the map color needs to be changed. Ryan Klenk and Gary McFarland will meet and look over Bay County's mapping system and see if we can improve on Standish Township map. Ryan Klenk also offered to contact Lapham Associates to see what they have on file.

Ryan Klenk would like to show the planning commission the program of the satellite system for Standish Township which may help the zoning administrator with his job.

New Business: None

Public Comments:

Tom Porter (home on Pine River Road) asked for a variance or land use permit. Krajewski explained we do not give out variances; he needs to have a meeting with the ZBA Board. Krajewski asked McFarland if he gave Mr. Porter a LUP. Gary explained Porter doesn't meet the setback requirements. He is 5 feet and 3 inches in the road right of way. He cannot build out his south side. He wants to build a berm and steps coming out. Mr. Porter wanted the planning commission to look at his plans. Chairman Krajewski stated it is not necessary for us to look at the plans; he asked for a LUP or needs to see the ZBA board for

a variance. McFarland stated he cannot give Mr. Porter a permit since he does not meet the setback. McFarland read a letter from Building Department Associate, Theresa in reference to Mr. Porter's plan. Deb Krajewski asked for Mr. Porter's phone number and said she would contact the ZBA board and have them contact Mr. Porter for a hearing on a variance. At this time Mr. Porter said he changed his plan for his house and wanted someone to look at it. Mr. Porter stated he did not want to put steps on the road side of the house. Chairman Krajewski told him then he did not need a variance, as the road side was the only side Gary McFarland denied him a permit. It was agreed that Gary McFarland and Mr. Porter would meet to discuss his changes to his house plan to see if he meets the requirements for a LUP.

Township Updates: Lynch had nothing to report at is time.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Bobbie Lynch and supported by Ryan Klenk to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to -0-. Time was 7:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2020.

Minutes prepared by Dale Raymond, recording secretary.