

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2017

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Dean, Hooper, Lawson, Mangus

Absent: Link, Miller

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary MacLean, Zoning Administrator Chris Weinzapfel

Set / Adjust Agenda: Move New Business, a. discussion between Unfinished 1 and 2

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve January 4, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes by Dean, second by Lawson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Reports:

Zoning Administrator Report, Weinzapfel: The Clerk is going to finish putting the ordinance together, no time line at this point. "Permissive" formatting of the ordinance is being looked at.

Chair's Report, Mangus: Several of us went to the planning and zoning training. Lots of good information shared. We learned several things that we should look at in our ordinance. Would like input on the working copy of the ordinance that has been labeled as draft that has been pulled from the website. Would we like to have it put back on the website? It would be the official copy that is being used by the township at this time. Consensus to wait.

Township Board Rep., Lawson: By-laws approved by the Board. The Board is currently looking at the changes in the Medical Marijuana law. Budget meetings are coming up.

ZBA Representative, Hooper: Housekeeping meeting in January.

Committee Reports: None.

Additional Items: .

Unfinished Business

1. Officer Election of Secretary – on hold

New Business 1 – see below

2. Review RFP for recodification. There are a few notes that have been made by the previous zoning administrator about some things that need to be looked at. We will need to change the dates when we are more fully prepared. Requesting two bids, one, just the zoning ordinance, two, the zoning and general ordinances.

New Business:

1. Petition for Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Renee's House of Quilting. Change of setbacks in the commercial district. Currently it is 15' would like 10'.

Glenn Savage: 9833 Pineneedle Lane. Construction is underway. Would like the commercial district to be able to use more of their property. It would help us if it were measured from the foundation. Don't want to go to the ZBA and end up being legally non-conforming if approved. Will cut the eave if necessary, instead.

Any adjustments would require a public hearing and approval by the Board.

Renee's House of Quilting is paying for all special meetings, publishing costs, etc.

Would need options to present at a Public Hearing.

Consensus to have a Public Hearing in March.

Flex setbacks, measure to overhang/eave, lessen the setbacks.

2. Status of ZO compilation. PC would like a copy of the ZO as soon as the Clerk's work is completed.

3. Budget year April 2017 / March 2018 discussion. Public Hearing(s) may be additional meetings. Ask for a contingency of 5%.

Motion to submit the budget as presented plus the contingency to the Board by Lawson second by Dean.
All in favor. Motion carried.

4. 2017/2018 Meeting Resolution #PC17-01

Motion to adopt Resolution #PC17-01 for meeting dates Hooper second by Lawson
Dean – yes, Hooper – yes, Lawson – yes, Link – N/A, Mangus – yes, Miller – N/A

Special meeting February 6, 2017, at 6 p.m. to discussion Zoning Ordinance Amendment language for Public Hearing.
Next Regular Meeting March 1, 2017:

Agenda items: Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment, setbacks in the commercial district; budget discussion; look at other setbacks; oil and natural gas pumping and processing; medical marijuana state law changes for continuing education.

Public Comment: None

Commission Discussion/Comments: ZA is planning to go to Medical Marijuana education on the 19th in Traverse City.

Continuing Education: Zoning Language style: Web link sent, check pages 197 to 200.

Adjournment: 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary