

**Watersmeet Township Planning Commission
Wednesday, Wednesday, July 8, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

Meeting called to order by Secretary Paul Kemppainen at 5:30 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jeff Zelinski, Jeff Wasson, Pete, Bruce Caudill, Yvonne Clark, Paul Kemppainen

Members Absent: Peterson, John Cestkowski, Russ Diethert and Roy D'Antonio

Approval of Minutes of March 11 2020. Motion by Bruce and 2nd by Yvonne. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Bruce and 2nd by Jeff Z. Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Mark DeGrave stated concern over application for short-term rental on Crooked Lake in which case he would be sandwiched between rental properties. He feels that he can't enjoy his property now as a result of the large number of boats that have been recently docked near his residence and the concern over parking for boat trailers. He also provided pictures showing the large number of boats at the Foxey's Den dock which was already in violation of the permitted amounts as a result of an earlier court decision which stated that only three boats were allowed to be docked. He felt that an additional source of rentals would further impact him negatively.

Kathy Stupak-Thrall responded to Mr. DeGrave and said that she four boats with 9.9 hp motors regularly docked. She has given people permission to individuals to use her private boat access as there is no longer a public boat access on Crooked Lake other than carrying one in. She said that she has been in business for forty years.

Mary DeGrave felt the same as her husband and that the current resorts have access for 40 people which should not be increased.

Zoning Administrator's Report:

May, June and July 2020 Zoning Report

	May 2020	
Brian Becker	Old US 2	Deck Addition
Joe Van Bree	Miller Rd.	Greenhouse
Greg Fowler	Wolf Lake Rd.	Garage
Jim Livermore	E. Cisco Lake Rd.	Garage and Greenhouse
Jim Gerdes	Palmquist Rd.	SFD Addition
Scott Stone	Marion Lake Rd.	SFD
Charles Schauer	North Shore Dr.	SFD

June 2020

Robert Roggeveen	1000 Island Lk. Rd.	Garage (Variance)
Brad Billmann	Misery Bay Rd.	Garage
Ron Wysocki	Old US 2	SFD
Brian Moore	Cisco Lake Rd.	Garage
Mike Papini	Crozer St.	Garage
Joseph Lemens	Goodrich Rd.	Garage
Pete Becich	Moon Lake Rd.	SFD Addition (Variance)
Robert Moore	Cisco Lake Rd.	Garage
Charles Kuhl	Little Moon Lake Rd.	Garage
Rick Jedsaas	Langford Lake Rd.	Garage

July 2020

Tony Manatt	Poor Lake Rd.	Permanent Dock
Tony Manatt	Poor Lake Rd.	Boathouse Renovation
Caroline Ruhl	Poor Lake Rd.	Boathouse Renovation
Wade Ison	Maplewood Rd.	Boathouse Renovation

Pending Zoning Applications

Glen Barritt	Dinner Lake Rd.	Garage
Dean Baldassari	Poor Lake Rd.	SFD
Steve Minore	Channel Rd.	Garage
Harvey Shovers	W. Duck Lake Rd.	Screen Porch (Variance)
Ann Kelleher	Eagle Drive	SFD
Scott Grey	Mamie Lake Rd.	SFD Addition
Dan Sekolny	Langford Lake Rd.	Garage

A letter was sent to the board by Patricia Duncan concerning the trailer which she has maintained on her lake property for over 30 years. Paul Kemppainen read the letter in its entirety and it will be entered into the minutes as an addendum. The current zoning ordinance doesn't allow for this situation and Dan Kline felt that the wording in the ordinance should be changed to reflect the real intent of the ordinance in his opinion. Dan said that he has ten instances of trailers being used as a dwelling to investigate further at this time as they are in non-compliance to the current ordinance. Yvonne Clark expressed concerns over making blanket changes that could cause additional problems and felt that persons should seek a variance instead of broad changes in zoning.

New Business:

The Dobson's presented what they hoped to do with their short-term rental of his father's cabin. They do not plan to have any large groups of people as they could only accommodate a maximum of 6 occupants at one time but their dwelling would more than likely only be housing 4 per occurrence. They have a local caretaker and will have a set of rules that all occupants will have to adhere to. They will be obtaining a Use Tax License. They inquired if they could provide anything else to show they plan on keeping the lake safe and not detrimentally affected by those renting from them. They asked about a time-line as to when the process of obtaining a permit could be completed. Letters need to be sent to neighbors within 300' and

they have 30 days to respond. If concerns are raised a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on September 8, 2020.

Paul explained that on-line training is available for members of the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, and all other boards associated with the Township. The individuals participating could do it without having to travel. Some members of the other boards have already done so and found the information very valuable.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bruce and 2nd by Jeff Z. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Submitted by: Paul D. Kempainen – Planning Commission Secretary