

Township of
WATERSMEET

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Location: Watersmeet Community Center

Virtual Attendees: David Sherrill, Mary Degrave, Mark Degrave, Dave Lamereaux, and Dan Hanse.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson at 5:30PM.

Chairman Peterson called for the Election of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2021.

1. **Chairman** – A nomination for Bruce Caudill was made by Roy D’Antonio, with a second by John Cestkowski. With no discussion to follow, the motion was approved.
2. **Vice Chairman** – A motion was made by John Cestkowski, with a second by Jeff Wasson that Roy D’Antonio remain in his position of Vice Chairman. The motion was approved.
3. **Secretary** – After Yvonne Clark stated to the board that she would be willing to serve as Planning Commission secretary, Russ motioned, with a second by Jeff Wasson to nominate Yvonne Clark. Motion carried.
4. **ZBA Board Liasion** – John Cestkowski stated that he would be willing to continue to be the liaison to the Zoning Board. This position will be appointed by the Township Board.

After the conclusion of the election of officers, Roy D’Antonio continued as chair for the duration of the meeting as Vice Chair.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Alan Piel, Roy D’Antonio, John Cestkowki, Jeff Wasson, Jeff Zelinski, Pete Peterson, Russ Diethert. Yvonne Clark, attended virtually and Bruce Caudill attended telephonically.

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Pete Peterson made the motion, with a second by Russ Diethert, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Pete Peterson motioned, with support from John Cestkowski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

David Sherrill inquired regarding the 2019 and 2020 Planning Commission annual reports and attendance records that have not been acknowledged by the Township Board. He was assured this would be looked into.

Zoning Administrator Report: Dan Kline gave a report for January 2021 as follows:

Mike Lehman	2060 Hwy 45 S.	Garage
Mark Johnson	21897 Crooked Lake Rd	SFD – Addition
Roger Sarazin	19492 FishHawk Lake Rd.	SFD
Dave Borsodi	3521 Indianhead Rd	SFD – Addition & Garage

Violations	Updates	
Jack Brightnose	4947 Blair St.	Mobile homes (5) 30 days after lod restrictions are removed, they are to be removed from the right away.

Barbara Dobson	21879 Crooked Lake Rd.	Short term rental - Lawyers are working on a solution
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Brad Olson	23464 S. Moon Lake Rd.	Lean-to Fence Fence moving is in progress
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Brad Schiavo	Cloverleaf Lake	Camper on L-1
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Old Business:

- A. The Planning Commission continued to discuss the current language in the Zoning Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals. This is an on-going discussion and no changes or decisions were made. It was brought before the Commission the inquiry by Attorney Steve Tiniti as to the number of violations in the decision to deny the Dobsons in their request for their permit.
- B. A mailing sent from Garret Carlson representing Vacasa was reviewed by the Commission. The intent of this mailing was to show interest in any properties that could be referred to Vacasa to add to their listing for rentals. The Commission did not approve this request.

New Business:

- A. After considerable discussion regarding the township ordinance wording in 7.05A – 7.05B – and 6.02A, the general consensus of the board was to have Zoning Administrator, Dan Kline consult the township attorney to define the proper verbiage in these areas. The intent of the board is to provide property owners a way to use their property within the intent of the ordinance.
- B. Dan Kline initiated some discussion regarding L1 and L2 lot sizes and depths to qualify as a conforming lot. The board is trying to find a solution to meet the frontage requirements, set backs, and to prevent any issues with key holing, while allowing lot sizes that are close to meeting the correct area of the ordinance to be considered for use. Roy D’Antonio agreed to contact Gary Pisoni to come and speak to the board regarding this issue.
- C. Dan Hanse spoke on behalf of the group working with Jack Bergman to enhance the internet access in our area. This effort includes legislation to prioritize rural areas and grants that could be available for this purpose. A lot of hard work is being put forth to advance the possibility of broader and better internet in the near future.
- D. Pete Peterson motioned to approve the regular meeting dates for as follows:

May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10 with support from Russ Diethert . Motion approved.

Alan Piel presented Resolution No. 2020-12-16-02 and Resolution No. 2020-12-16-01 that had been approved by the Township Board. These resolutions were regarding the establishment of term limits for Planning Commission members, and mandatory training requirements for Planning Commission members.

At 6:55pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Wasson, with a second by Pete Peterson. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Submitted by: Yvonne Clark, Planning Commission Secretary