

Michigamme Township
Planning Commission Minutes

January 13, 2022

Present: David Niemi, Julia Leake, Jan Anderson, Ruth Starr, Jason McCarthy (Zoning Administrator)

Absent: Terry McBride

Guests: Roger Zappa, Beth Koenig, Rhonda Boshears, William Seppanen, Chet DeRoche, Nicole Haskett, Don Peterson, Caron Christopherson, Gina Niemi, Raymond Butler, Diana Perry

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve: Ruth Starr, Second: David Niemi, Motion passes.
- III. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2022: Motion to Approve: Ruth Starr, Second: David Niemi, Motion passes.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Sign Ordinance – no action
 - B. Small Animals Ordinance
 1. Jason McCarthy provided language for revision of Proposed Small Animal Ordinance
 2. No action – More revisions needed to ensure the ordinance is enforceable
 - C. Marijuana Ordinance
 1. Roger Zappa, Township Attorney, clarified specific changes in the proposed ordinance he felt were necessary
 2. No action by Planning Commission – More information needed to make a good decision
 3. Public Information Session to be scheduled on January 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm
 - D. Master Plan
 1. Jason McCarthy recommends using Ryan Soucy to rewrite the plan
 2. Planning Commission members received copies of the 2017 Community Development Survey and were asked to recommend items that should be included in the new development survey.
 3. Survey must be ready to be included in the May mailing of the Township Newsletter.
 - E. New Vacation Home Rental Applicant
 1. Jonathan Houseman
 2. Planning Commission feels there is no problem with the contact person living 35 miles away.
 3. The application needs to be voted for approval at the next planning commission meeting.
- V. New Business
 - A. New Zoning Permits Issued – none
 - B. Change in use of Zoom: According to State Law, a member of the Planning Commission cannot participate or be counted for a quorum if attending via Zoom.
 - C. New Community Development Survey: To be written by the Planning Commission before April.
 - D. Lakeshore Preservation Webinar presented by EGLE: Julia Leake and Jan Anderson will attend.
- VI. Correspondence: None
- VII. Public Comment – Considerable public comment regarding the changes to the Marijuana Ordinance. Individuals felt the need for a Public Forum.
- VIII. Next meeting: February 10, 2022, at 5:30