

Michigamme Township Planning Commission

Minutes from November 15, 2022, **Special Meeting/Working Group**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order 9:06 am by Chair Jolene Klumpp, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Julia Leake, Terry McBride, Kay Frisk, Ruth Starr, Jolene Klumpp:

**Approval of Agenda:** Julia motioned to approve the work session Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. All in favor, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; **Motion passed.** No minutes to approve:

**Correspondence:** None

**Board Comment:** Julia reported she and Terry researched top ten blight violators on 13 Nov for the working group preparation. Julia coordinated that session with Supervisor Boshears.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A) Julia called Cindy Dodge from MTA, and all board members heard her comments from the speaker phone and some asked her questions: Blight is not a zoning problem; need an ordinance blight officer; Planning Commission has nothing to do with blight; we need a general ordinance enforcer, blight is an ordinance. Two job descriptions, Ordinance Enforcement and Zoning Administrator. Lengthy discussion reference Erin's job description.
- B) Julia made a motion that we per recommendation from MTA Cindy Dodge *table* the active blight compliance process until hiring a new zoning enforcement officer. Seconded by Kay: All in favor, Five ayes 0 nays: **Motion passed.**
- C) Adding 366 E. Main St. to dangerous bldg. list: Property ID 52-09-319-021-00; Kay made a motion to let Supervisor Boshears add another dangerous building to the list. 366 E. Main St. Seconded by Terry. All in favor, Five ayes 0 nays: **Motion passed.** Updated Letter to Supervisor by McBride.
- D) **GOOD NEWS:** Julia received a call from the "Grant Lady" of Marquette County Land Bank. She will be back in town after the 18th and will confer with our board. What's the process? Need pictures? If she attends our board let's be ready with some info!
- E) Julia will call the railroad reference that dilapidated bldg. on railroad St.
- F) Lengthy discussion of boats in yard at 316 W. Main St; (Daniel Mattson) property ID #52-09-520-015-00. Discussed Nov 10, 2022 zoning report with established ordinance. We Relocated out of the office at 10:38 am and had to regroup. Worked on language of letter with Chair Jolene to type and mail. Ruth made a motion to mail approved letter certified to Mr.

Daniel Mattson 310 W. Railroad St. concerning *Zoning Compliance Permit* dated 11/3/22. Seconded by Julia, all in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays: **Motion passed.**

G) Carolyn Hendrickson's Petition for a Variance with no payment fee. Again a very lengthy discussion. Letter by Chair to be sent with fee schedule to Mesa, AZ address. Motion by Kay to send letter to Carolyn Hendrickson in reference to Petition for Variance with fee schedule. Second by Julia, all in favor, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays: **Motion passed.**

H) Reference conflict of interest (Laura Mattson), Chair Jolene to complete minutes for next board because of our need of a secretary. Julia motioned to have Chair Jolene tape record minutes for December meeting to include Agenda. Seconded by Ruth. All in favor, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion Passed.**

Public Comment: Debbie Kinnunen, prior Administrator Assistance offered her knowledge from past employment to solve numerous questions/discussions. Debbie additionally offered to transcribe the minutes for the board.

Adjournment: 11:29

Next Meeting: Dec 7, 2022

John T. McBride, Secretary

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