

## **WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

### General Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018, Whitefish Township Community Center, 7 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Terry Humphreys, Richard Gratopp, Richard Jarnagin, Pat Dignum, Nikki Craig

**GENERAL PUBLIC:** 12 Signed In, Others not signed in.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Jarnagin, Commission Chairperson at 7 PM. Roll call was completed. Craig requested to add 2019 Schedule and Officers under New Business. Craig moved to accept the modified agenda, Gratopp supported, motion carried. Richard Gratopp moved to accept the general meeting minutes of August 1, 2018 as presented; Jarnagin supported; motion carried. At 7:04, Craig moved to recess the general meeting to proceed with the Public Hearing, Gratopp supported, motion carried.

At 8:10 PM the general meeting reconvened. Roll call was completed. All members were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Andrew Loewe of 7350 M-1223 requested of the commission members to honor his special use permit for the property located at 8347 North Beaver Rd., Paradise. Mr. Loewe offered documentation as to the permit, but offered no copy of the permit. Comments received by Jonathan Banasiak, co-owner of the business, and Scott Erickson.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** The zoning administrator sought clarification of the Special Use Permit Application and permit renewal process; after discussion, Craig moved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dignum moved to submit the list of compiled changes dated August 1 to the Whitefish Township Board for their review and comment prior to a public hearing. Gratopp supported. Humphreys uncovered a document offering more incite to the Medical Marijuana opt in/opt out issues and encouraged this document be sent with the list of proposed changes. Motion carried.

Andy Loewe's request for property 8347 North Beaver Road was discussed. A number of questions were raised regarding the validity of the documents presented. Committee members determined that should the appropriate documentation of the permit or 1996 minutes be presented to the zoning administrator, the permit may continue. Craig offered to do some research to that end.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Craig informed the commission members that the Whitefish Township Parks & Recreation Committee is in the process of developing a survey of WT property owners. A copy of the survey completed in 2002 was sent to all members of the committee as well commission members. She asked the commission members to keep watch for an updated version in their emails and to please provide their thoughts. Survey data should be in by April 1, and proposed recreation plan changes available in April.

The schedule for 2019 was confirmed in the August 1 minutes. The consensus of the commission members was to elect officers at the first 2019 meeting.

**ZONING APPLICATIONS** The following special use permit applications were processed.

13975 North Shelldrake Road, Paradise submitted by Paul & Maria Quinn: in discussion it was determined the application was incomplete. There was no one present to answer questions; no letters or speakers were received in regard to this application. Craig moved to return the application as incomplete. Humphrey's seconded. No local contact was listed; concerns regarding emergency access to the property were stated. Motion carried.

12143 North Superior Drive, Paradise submitted by James Disney: Gratopp moved to approve the Special Use Permit for Short Term Rentals submitted by James Disney, Dignum supported. The committee received one letter unopposed to the request and heard one testimony, unopposed to the request. Mr. Disney was present and answered questions.

**Roll Call:** Humphreys yes, Gratopp yes, Dignum, yes, Jarnagin yes, Craig yes. Application approved.

14244 North Whitefish Point Road, submitted by Francis Bedell: Gratopp moved to approve to Special Use Permit for Short Term Rentals submitted by Francis Bedell. Pat Dignum supported. The committee received 11 letters opposing the application and 12 comments in the public hearing. Craig remarked that she heard from the both the applicants and the property a deep regard for peace and tranquility of the neighborhood. She informed the residents that should there be an issue with a tenant that complaints need to be filed with the zoning administrator or law enforcement. She commented as to the integrity of the concerns expressed but since there was no evidence or collected data to support some of the concerns presented, found no basis within the Whitefish Township Zoning Ordinances to reject the application.

**Roll Call:** Humphreys yes, Gratopp yes, Dignum, yes, Jarnagin yes, Craig yes. Application approved.

**ADJOURNMENT** Nikki Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, Richard Gratopp supported. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Minutes prepared by Nikki Craig, 10/17/2018

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signatures: