

WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019, Whitefish Township Community Center, 7 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Richard Jarnagin, Chairman. Commission members Richard Jarnagin, Richard Gratopp, Terry Humphrey and Nikki Craig were in attendance. David Heyboer was absent with notice. There were eight members of the general public in attendance.

There were no amendments to the proposed meeting agenda.

Election of Officers; Terry Humphrey nominated Richard Gratopp to serve as Chairman, Nikki Craig, 2nd, Terry nominated Nikki Craig to serve as Vice Chairperson, Richard Jarnagin 2nd, Dick Gratopp nominated Nikki Craig to serve as Secretary, Terry Humphrey 2nd. Nikki moved to accept the slate of officers as nominated, Terry Humphrey, 2nd. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes Dick Gratopp moved to accept the 4/16/19 minutes as presented.

At 7:04 pm Nikki Craig moved to temporarily close the meeting and open the public hearing. Terry Humphrey 2nd. Motion carried.

Reconvene the special meeting: at 8:06 PM Richard Jarnagin called the special meeting to order. Roll call was taken; Richard Jarnagin, Richard Gratopp, Terry Humphrey and Nikki Craig were in attendance. David Heyboer was absent with notice. There were eight members of the general public in attendance.

Public Comment; the commission received public comment. Scott Erickson, WT property owner, inquired as to Site Plans (Article 7) brought before the commission for any construction and improvements to properties located in commercial and industrial districts and was concerned that this ordinance was not enforced consistently.

The Zoning Administrator submitted a memo to the commission, attached.

Old Business

Nikki Craig moved to strike the proposed Article 6.10 i paragraph limiting short term rentals to 60 days, citing that the ordinance does not serve its initial intent. Terry Humphrey 2nd, motion carried. Richard Gratopp resolved to recommend the modified amendments to the Whitefish Township Board to accept. Terry Humphrey 2nd. A roll call vote was taken: Richard Jarnagin, Aye; Dick Gratopp, Nay; Terry Humphrey, Aye; Nikki Craig, Aye.

Dick Gratopp resolved to recommend to the Whitefish Township Board to accept the proposed Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance. Terry Humphrey 2nd. A roll call vote was taken: Richard Jarnagin, Aye; Dick Gratopp, Aye; Terry Humphrey, Aye; Nikki Craig, Nay.

Whitefish Township Master Plan; Nikki Craig reported that MDOT has the downtown vicinity for M-123 improvements slated for 2026 – 2027. Suggestions and ideas as to improvements including multi use trail, landscaping, and drainage need to be brought forward at the next meeting.

New Business

Nikki Craig reported that the Whitefish Township Parks & Recreation Committee would be meeting before the next regularly scheduled Whitefish Township Planning Commission meeting. There were no zoning applications to review.

At 8:52 PM, Dick Gratopp moved to adjourn the meeting. Terry Humphrey 2nd. Motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 18, 2019.

Minutes prepared by and submitted by Nikki Craig, May 29, 2019