

WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 8TH, 2022 “SPECIAL” MEETING MINUTES – “UNAPPROVED”

WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER / 7:00 PM

SCOTT ERICKSON – CHAIRMAN JON JASINSKI – RECORDING SECRETARY

RICHARD GRATTOP – BOARD APPOINTEE JACK GRIMES – MEMBER

RENEE GRAY – MEMBER SEAMUS MILLER – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- **Call to Order –**
Meeting called to order by Chairman Erickson @ 7:00 PM.

- **Pledge of Allegiance –**

- **Roll Call –**
Present – Erickson / Grattop / Gray / Jasinski
Absent – Grimes / Miller

- **Amendments to the Agenda –**
 - Jasinski requested that he be instated as Chairman / Gray as Recording Secretary as part of the agenda. Motion made by Jasinski to table the request due to the absence of Grimes, 2nd by Gray. Jasinski, Erickson, Gray & Grattop voted yes, motion passed.
 - Chairman Erickson requested and made a motion that a zoning permit request as submitted by a Mr. Donte Graham be added to the New Business portion of the meeting agenda, 2nd by Gray. Erickson, Jasinski, Gray & Grattop voted yes, motion passed.

- **Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes –**
 - Motion made by Gray to approve the May 11th 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Jasinski. Erickson, Gray & Jasinski voted yes, Grattop abstained, motion passed.
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- **Public Correspondence & Communications –**
 - Chairman Erickson read aloud a letter as submitted by a Ms. Sally Kolasa requesting the status of their Short-Term Rental application.
 - Recording Secretary Jasinski read aloud a letter as submitted by a Mr. Derek Tait regarding Short-Term Rentals..

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- **Public Comment Period –**
 - A citizen spoke about the Short-Term Rental issue stating that several other locales have chosen to deny them.
 - A citizen spoke about the need to allow Short-Term Rentals in all districts based upon fairness and the use of an individual's property while not interfering with the neighboring properties and the need for proper management and enforcement when allowing it.
 - A citizen inquired as to why a formal survey relative to Short-Term Rentals wasn't going to be sent out to the community.

- **Zoning Administrators Report –**
 - The Zoning Administrator was not in attendance.

- **Old Business –**
 - Discussion was held relative to the Caro campground permit situation. The board agreed that given the information on hand and through verbal verification by board member Grattop that a public hearing was conducted and that the application was approved. A motion was made by Chairman Erickson, 2nd by Grattop to direct the Recording Secretary to forward the June 8th, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes to Mr. Caro indicating that the previous "special approval" request for a campground application was approved. All members voted yes.
 - Discussion was held relative to the Georgeff short-term rental application being a "new" application or a "renewal" application. Upon verification by board member Grattop that a application had never been actually filed it was determined by the board that Mr. Georgeff did not in fact hold a permit and due to the current moratorium that a permit could not be issued. All members agreed.
 - Discussion was held regarding the Kolasa short-term rental application and their letter of status. Chairman Erickson made a motion, 2nd by Grattop directing the Recording Secretary to draft and forward letters of response to both Ms. Kolasa and Mr. Georgeff indicating that "their applications remained denied". Erickson & Grattop voted yes, Gray & Jasinski voted no, motion failed. A 2nd motion was made by Chairman Erickson, 2nd by Grattop to direct the Recording Secretary to draft and forward letters of response to both Ms. Kolasa and Mr. Georgeff stating "that due to the present moratorium on short-term rentals that no existing short-term rental applications shall be processed". Erickson, Grattop & Jasinski voted yes, Gray voted no, motion passed.

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- Discussion was held relative to the new Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Chairman Erickson read aloud a proposal that he had prepared and distributed to the board for their consideration. Chairman Erickson suggested that further discussion on the Short-Term Rental ordinance be tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting. All members agreed.
- **New Business –**
 - Discussion was held relative to the “special use” zoning permit application as was submitted by a Mr. Donte Graham for a new campground operation. Chairman Erickson stated that Mr. Graham had paid for a “special” planning commission be held to address his application and that public notification of neighboring property owners needed to be completed. Chairman Erickson made the motion directing the Planning Commission Recording Secretary to coordinate with the township clerk in getting the notifications processed and sent out, 2nd by Grattop. All members voted yes.
- **Adjournment of Meeting –**

Board Chairman Erickson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Grattop. All members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

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SCOTT ERICKSON –

JACK GRIMES –

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JON JASINSKI –