

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2013 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 4 As presented: Dec. 5, 2013 APPROVED: _____</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Frank Fiala.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p>Roll Call: Present: Purcell, Cunningham, Strickland, Beukema, Wells, Campbell, and Fiala.</p> <p><u>All Present.</u></p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Zoning Administrator Larry Knowles, Sandy Marcukaitis, Mark Englerth.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 1 (not including staff present)</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p>
<p>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</p> <p>Goals for next year need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p> <p>Goals to be reviewed.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p> <p>Mike Cunningham, PC commented about zoning and getting something done as soon as something is rezoned might ensure having it done right. Greg Purcell mentioned possibly annually acting on changes that occur through a year, to avoid expense. Cunningham inquired as to how often something gets re-zoned. Campbell suggested going through with a fine tooth comb to correct immediately so that it doesn't turn into an issue in the future. Cathy Strickland has made a list of all the rezoning in the past ten years to have it all on the map properly. Fiala asked Strickland if she would look at the map to see if all the changes were represented properly.</p> <p>Sandy Marcukaitis, Zoning Assistant, commented that it has been mentioned that the Township Hall has no signage. Brief discussion occurred.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: of 11/7/13</p> <p>Correction: Strike the word "conditional" out of pg. 1 – (New Business: Curley Cone motion).</p> <p>Motion by Beukema with support from Wells to accept minutes of November 7, 2013 meeting as corrected. Ayes – 6, Abstain – 1 (due to absence at last meeting). MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>Motion to accept November 11, 2013 minutes as presented.</p>

NEW BUSINESS:

ZOC 13-10-02. A request by the Yankee Springs Planning Commission to rezone the property known as 12747, 12755 and 12759 Whispering Pines from the current zone of Gun Lake Residential Lake Front to a proposed zone of Resort and Recreation per Article XIX, of the Yankee Springs Zoning Ordinance. Parcel ID Numbers: 08-16-370-001-00, 08-16-370-002-00, 08-16-370-017-00, 08-16-370-018-00, 08-16-370-019-00, 08-16-370-020-00 and 08-16-370-021-00. (7 parcels).

At 7:25, Frank Fiala opened the public hearing of rezoning of Whispering Pines lake front property.

Deb Masselink, of Gun Lake, commented that as the subject comes up of paving of roads, D. Masselink mentioned 3 ½ trailers (mobile homes) that burned in Shady Shores which goes back to the fire department not being able to get back to the trailers.

Close of public hearing was made at 7:27 p.m.

Letter from Dale Heintzelman was considered.

Motion by G. Purcell with support from C. Strickland to rezone 13-10-02 (Lake front property of Whispering Pines) and recommend to the township board. ROLL CALL: Purcell: yes, Cunningham: yes, Fiala: yes, Strickland: yes, Beukema: yes, Wells: yes, Campbell: yes. All yes. MOTION CARRIED.

GOALS: (For coming year)

Review of goals of past year:

- Review and update the sign ordinance.
- Strongly encourage all PC members to every year to successfully complete at least one MSU Citizen's Planning event, and participate in other planning and use seminars.
- Review and update Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Review and update the Master Plan.
- Consider a Bike Trail along M-179.

The bike trail was discussed. Businesses have shown interest in it. It was mentioned that other townships should be contacted on this to ask questions such as grant availability and grant writing processes. It was noted that the bike trail should be mentioned at the Joint Meeting in January.

Drainage issues were brought up as well (Cuddy and Payne Lake).

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APPROVED: _____

Opening of Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Close of Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Motion to rezone 13-10-02 and recommend to the township board. MOTION CARRIED.

GOAL for coming year.... Cont'd

Fiala mentioned that he requested permission for the PC to continue to meet twice a month.

Gateway signs/Welcome Sign – discussion occurred. M. Englerth, Twp. Supervisor, commented that he thought support would come from the community regarding the sign. Englerth mentioned that the State of Michigan, DNR, the State’s park and recreational people and members of the business community still want to be involved with the gateway/welcome signage.

Englerth also commented that he was present at tonight’s meeting to thank the Planning Commission for all of their hard work. Englerth appreciates and respects the PC members for putting 110% into their work. Englerth added that the PC needs to consider how to keep the public safe as its primary goal, taking into consideration the recent burning of 3 ½ mobile homes at Shady Shores. Englerth thanked Larry Knowles, Sandy, Deb and Cathy for filling the void when Bob Lippert left as Zoning Administrator. Englerth commented that he wanted people (residents) to do their projects, and homes in a successful way.

Fiala reviewed goals of the PC, and mentioned reviewing the zoning ordinance, particularly Article XII in tonight’s meeting, and eventually having a professional planner look at it.

Englerth mentioned the PC considering forming subcommittees in the next year. Englerth commented on the need for subcommittees citing a need for a possible water committee.

Sign Ordinance:

Discussion took place on the sign ordinance and gateway signage possibilities. C. Strickland reviewed and made remarks of the PC’s recommendations for changes on a handout of the Sign ordinance. This was reviewed and discussed by PC members at this point in the meeting.

C. Strickland will distribute the sign ordinance review at the December meeting for PC members to study and go over after the first of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Election of officers should take place soon. It was noted that appointments are made by the township board. Terms that expire in 2013 are: Gordon Wells, Mike Cunningham, Greg Purcell and Frank Fiala. Purcell wanted to thank Frank Fiala for the way WP was presented to the township board. Purcell commented that he was very supportive of Frank Fiala continuing on as board Chair. Fiala mentioned the fine work of Cathy Strickland as Secretary.

December 5th meeting: Article XII will be reviewed. No meeting on Dec. 19th.

