# YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In Person—Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## **September 19, 2024**

Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Planning Commission Chair, Shana Bush.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE ROLL CALL

MINUTES

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APPROVED:

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Present: (Present): Beukema, Bush, Craven, Fiala, Knowles, Kooistra.

Absent with Notice: John Frigmanski

Zoning Administrator: Joe Shea, Present

Professional Planner: Not Present

Staff Present: Dennis Buist-Constable, Sandy Marcukaitis

Visitors: 2 (not including staff present).

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Adds or Changes: Fiala requested discussion under - #9 Old Business regarding year round docks- in respect to the ordinance and also discussion on the Mining Ordinance was requested.

Motion by Fiala with support from Knowles to amend tonight's agenda as mentioned above. All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

### REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES:

Board of Trustees- Larry Knowles, reported regarding the Board meeting on 9/12/24:

- Four (4) doors were replaced at the fire station.
- Re-Fired up kitchen remodel again for the township hall.
- Duct work to be done in Zoning Administrator's office.
- Approved winterization of the sprinkler systems.
- PC Survey for Master Plan work approved.

ZBA, John Frigmanski, was absent with notice this evening.

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Joe Shea, ZA

A recent STR committee meeting was held to evaluate implementation of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the amended ordinance. Another meeting in approximately two weeks will be held. After a few meetings, the STR group hopes to have some recommendations to bring to the Planning Commission.

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Non-agenda matters) - (Limit to 3 minutes per person-Additional comments under item 11) NONE.	MINUTES Page 2 of 3 PC APPROVED:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of August 15, 2024	Regular PC Mtg. Sept. 19, 2024
Motion by Craven with support from Knowles to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of August 15, 2024 as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
INQUIRY ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	INQUIRY ON
ROLL CALL: F. Fiala asked the PC members present if there was any conflict of any PC member with the agenda of requests and as modified this evening. All PC members noted: NO conflicts. No: 6, Yes: 0, Absent: 1	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
NEW BUSINESS:	NEW BUSINESS
SEU 24-07-09: Parcel ID 16-070-021-00, 3454 Elmwood Beach Road, Middleville, MI 49333. The property is zoned Gun Lake Residential Lakefront. The property owner, George Adams, is requesting a special exception use permit for living quarters in an outbuilding pursuant to Yankee Springs Zoning Ordinance Section 12.7 Outbuildings.	SEU 24-07-09: Parcel ID 16-070-021-00, 3454 Elmwood Beach Road, Middleville, MI 49333. <i>G. Adams</i>
George Adams presented his request.	
Notes of Support: Kay & John Simpson 3482 Elmwood Beach Rd. Ann Hannapel-Nolan also of Elmwood Beach Rd.	
No other notes or emails were received per Zoning Administrator Joe Shea.	
Motion by Fiala with support by Knowles to approve the SEU (24-07-09) as presented with the 456 sq. feet of finished area. Roll Call Vote: Beukema: Yes, Bush: Yes, Craven: Yes, Fiala: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Kooistra: Yes. Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.	MOTION to Approve
Discussion: Proposed amendment to ZO (Zoning Ordinance) Section 20.8	
Lengthy discussion took place reviewing Joe Shea's review.	
3 d to the same language as NR (National Roatland) standards #2) public heaving	MOTION to take to PUBLIC HRG. (ZO Sect. 20.8)
Discussion took place regarding taking upcoming STR recommendations to public hearing.	
to Public Hearing on Oct. 17th. All Aves. MOTION CARRIED	MOTION to take to Public Hearing (STR Changes).

EDUCATION – UPCOMING AND COMPLETED OPPORTUNITIES  No educational activity to report for this month.	MINUTES Page 3 of 3 PC
S. Bush will be going to the MTA Regional Meeting in Kalamazoo, on Thursday, Sept. 26th.	APPROVED:Regular PC Mtg.
J. Shea gave a brief review on a conference he attended yesterday that included proposed legislation on STR's.	Sept. 19, 2024
OLD BUSINESS:	
<u>Discussion on Shipping containers</u> - S. Bush asked Joe Shea to contact Catherine Kaufman to draft up as an actual ordinance (Shipping containers) and go to public hearing in October as well. S. Bush requested PC members to read through this again and bring their copy to the next meeting.	OLD BUSINESS
<u>Discussion of the Master Plan</u> – approval for the survey postcards by the Board of Trustees has taken place. S. Bush requested extra copies for the twp. office as well as local businesses. R. Craven will be able to "lock down" the survey to not have duplications. Maybe on social media announce that hard copies of surveys can be received at the township office or the fire station?	
Mining Ordinance: R. Harvey is helping Barry County Planning overhaul their mining ordinance and the whole county ordinance. Fiala would like the PC to consider this newly improved mining ordinance. Fiala will get an electronic copy to S. Bush and J. Shea.	
Permanent docks were briefly discussed.	
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PUBLIC COMMENT:	<u>PLANNING</u> COMMISSION
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Motion by Bush with support from Fiala to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm. All AYES.	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
Approved by: Frank Frake 10/17/2024  Frank Fiala, Planning Commission Secretary Date	