

<p style="text-align: center;"> YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION <u>In Person</u>– Special Meeting- STR’s (Short Term Rentals) 7:00 p.m. <u>January 9, 2024</u> Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 MINUTES </p>	<p> MINUTES Page 1 of 2 PC APPROVED: _____ Regular PC Mtg. January 9, 2024 </p>
<p> Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Planning Commission Chair, Shana Bush. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> Roll Call: Present: Beukema, Bush, Fiala, Kooistra, Knowles, Craven. Absent with Notice: John Frigmanski Zoning Administrator: Joe Shea, Present Professional Planner: Not Present Staff Present: Brad Williams, Rob Heethuis Visitors: 5 (not including staff present). </p>	<p> CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL </p>
<p> <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> <i>Motion by Fiala with support from Beukema to approve the agenda as presented.</i> <i>All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</i> </p> <p> <u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Chair S. Bush opened the floor for any public comments. There were no public comments at this time. </p>	<p> <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> </p>
<p> <u>PROGRESS REPORT FROM SHORT TERM RENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE</u> Joe Shea, ZA reviewed the work/findings of the committee and proposed rough draft for amendments to the STR ordinance. Emails from Township Residents were also noted. F. Fiala noted the subcommittee that was formed to research and make recommendations being reviewed this evening: </p> <p> Rob Heethuis, Chair Ron Heilman Larry Knowles Lee Kooistra Sandy Marcukaitis Joe Shea Brad Williams Frank Fiala </p>	<p> PUBLIC COMMENT <u>PROGRESS REPORT FROM SHORT TERM RENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE</u> </p>

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE X

**After motions were made regarding Granicus and the STR Fee increase recommendations to the Township Board, the PC members reviewed and discussed the Proposed Amendments to Article X.*

S. Bush will get with R. Harvey ASAP to make changes to the proposed amendments this evening and prepare draft for public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE "GRANICUS INC." TO IMPROVE STR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

It was noted that it is a one (1) year contract (for Granicus). Ninety (90) days are needed for implementation.

The \$4,275.00 consists of two (2) New Subscription Fees:

Address Identification at an Annual Fee of \$2,700

and

24/7 Hotline at an Annual Fee of \$1,575

Motion by Fiala with support from Kooistra to recommend to the township board the hire of Granicus services at \$4,275.00 annually. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE STR APPLICATION/RENEWAL FEE

Motion by Fiala with support of Beukema to recommend to the township board increasing the annual fee charge for STRs from \$100 to \$500. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER SUCH BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

It was determined that a special PC meeting shall be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 7 p.m. for a public hearing. Joe Shea will need the information by the end of next week to notice the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dee Bigelow of Sandy Beach commented inquiring if there had been any discussion regarding lakefront right of way for short term rentals. D. Bigelow asked about how many boats/docks are allowed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bush with support of Beukema to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approved by: Frank Fiala Date 1/18/24
Frank Fiala, Planning Commission Secretary

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MOTION TO
Recommend the services
of Granicus.

MOTION TO
APPROVE
recommendation of
increased Annual STR fee.

OTHER SUCH
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