

MINUTES
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
8870 N. LONG LAKE ROAD
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Newman at 7:01 p.m. at the Long Lake Township Hall.
2. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tina Allen, Robert Verschaeve, Carolann Newman, Rick Craves, Mark Humitz and Mike Herron. Pam Cuthbert was absent and excused.

Also present was Leslie Sickterman, Township Planner, Shirley Mesch, Zoning Administrator, and Sara Kopriva, Recording Secretary.

One member of the public was present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Herron supported by Craves, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
4. PURPOSE OF STUDY SESSION

A) REVIEW DRAFT OF ZONING ORDINANCE

There was discussion regarding the timeline for adoption. Allen was concerned with the public hearing and would like for it to be before seasonal residents leave for the winter. Sickterman stated an open house would be held that would allow for the public to become familiar with changes to the draft Ordinance and would be informal compared to a public hearing. A public hearing will still be required but this will allow for public input prior to the end of the drafting process. There was concern on how to educate the public to changes in the ordinance. Discussion was held on information that would be necessary to put on the website prior to the open house. The draft ordinance will be ready for Township Board approval at the April Township Board meeting, if everything goes as scheduled.

All Planning Commission members agreed to pass on their detailed ordinance related comments to Sickterman by September 26th. The members discussed the height of buildings and accessory structures. There was concern with allowing and regulating accessory dwellings in accessory

structures. This issue will be discussed and possibly amended at a later date.

There was discussion regarding grazing animals and buffering, building heights of commercial buildings and beacon and search lighting.

There was discussion concerning the best way to present to the public how the changes proposed in the draft Zoning Ordinance would affect the people whose zoning will change i.e. from Lakefront Residential (R-2) to Low Density Residential (R-1).

The Planning Commission has tentatively set a date for the open house on November 10, 2008.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Any person may speak for up to 3 minutes): There was none.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. ADJOURNMENT: Newman adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm.

MARK HUMITZ, SECRETARY
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SARA KOPRIVA, RECORDING SECRETARY
LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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