

MINUTES
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP HALL
January 2, 2019, 7:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chairman Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Richard Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Robert Hemmes (Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison), Erin Nerychel (Secretary)
- Members absent: Amy Richards (Township Board Liaison), Jeff Dolphin (Vice-Chair).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Robert Hemmes and seconded by Erin Nerychel. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting was made by Robert Hemmes and seconded by Erin Nerychel. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENT FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mike Nelson commented he has received questions from residents on adding septic system for areas around Turk Lake, similar to Bass Lake. Also commented on the definition of number of junk cars in residential areas.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Richard Karnatz asked if the special planning committee and ZBA fees should increase due to the increased detail and time required.

NEW BUSINESS

- Marihuana Update
 - Planning commission board discussed the new recreational law that has passed. Will continue to follow the state and township's lead on implementation. Board to add medical marihuana to agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Short Term (daily/weekly) Rentals Ordinance Amendment Discussion
 - Reviewed the Spring Lake draft and revision made to the purpose.
 - Discussed annual registration fees. Board to investigate the cost of inspections and administration.
 - Discussed maximum occupancy permitted. Board to research options on how to define. Options mentioned were by bedroom and by square footage.
 - Discussed how to define parking space size and including a section about parking on the registration.
 - Discussed defining what zoning districts to regulate or prohibit short-term rentals. Board to investigate creating an R4 district.
 - Discussed how close STR can be to each other.
- Flat River Natural River Designation Zoning
 - Reviewed proposed revision. Discussed setbacks.
 - Motion to approve amendment to zoning ordinance section 12.7 made by Robert Hemmes seconded by Richard Karnatz. Motion approved unanimously.
- Master Plan Discussion
 - Do not need to hold up STR ordinance to update Master Plan.
 - Ask township board what the budget is and scope for updating master plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Robert Hemmes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Erin Nerychel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Nerychel, Planning Commission Secretary