

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

327 S. HANCOCK STREET

PENTWATER, MICHIGAN 49449

April 11, 2017

Dave Spitler called the meeting to order at 7:00 Pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave Spitler asked for Roll Call attendance.

ROLL CALL

Paula DeGregorio, Vice Chairperson

Tom Davis

Myrna Carlin, Secretary

Terry Cluchey

Jim Gwillim

Janice Siska

Dave Spitler, Chairperson

Keith Edwards the Zoning Administrator was present at the meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS.

Dave Spitler asked for approval of the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Janice Siska made a motion to approve Agenda and Jim Gwillim seconded. All ayes and the Agenda was approved.

Dave Spitler asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Pentwater Township Planning Commission meeting held on March 21, 2017. Myrna Carlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Tom Davis seconded. All ayes and the minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved.

Dave Spitler explained that he really appreciated the public comments provided at the public hearing on March 21, and will ask for additional public comment after Planning Commission discussion of future agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments for items not on the agenda – None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Camping

Dave Spitler asked the Planning Commission for any further discussion on the matter of camping. Dave also explained that the Planning Commission can conduct further discussion prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees including asking for additional information from the Zoning Administrator or Township Attorney (not present). There was no desire on behalf of the Planning Commission to continue the discussion.

B. Recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees

Dave Spitler stated that a recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees in favor of the proposed amendments for camping can be approved by the Trustees, turned down or referred back to the Planning Commission with comments.

Jan Siska moved that the Planning Commission recommend that the Pentwater Township Board of Trustees consider adoption of the proposed amendments to the Pentwater Community Zoning Ordinance, Township Ordinance no. 7-14-99 as presented for the purpose of regulating the land use activity known as “camping”, as drafted by the Township Attorney. Jim Gwillim Seconded. Discussion, None.

Chairman Dave Spitler asked for a roll-call vote on the recommendation:

Yeas: Siska, Gwillim, Carlin, Cluchey, Davis, DeGregorio and Spitler

Nays: None

Motion Approved Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 3, Section 3.10 – Temporary Uses or Buildings Requiring Zoning Administrator Authorization

Dave Spitler asked Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator to provide a brief summary of his memorandum dated April 3, 2017 for consideration of suggested Zoning Ordinance amendments to Section 3.10 for Temporary Dwellings. Mr. Edwards explained that the suggestion in the memo came as a result of public input and Planning Commission over the camping issue to consider changing this section to allow the use of Recreational

Vehicles (RV) to occupy a vacant property while constructing a principal building or home. Consensus of the Planning Commission was to request that the Zoning Administrator work with the Township Attorney to draft an appropriate amendment with consideration for allowing an RV or manufactured home to be used on the property, by the property owner while the home was being constructed.

B. Introduction of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Section 3.08 – Accessory Building and Uses

Dave Spittler asked Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator to provide a brief summary of his memorandum dated April 3, 2017 for consideration of suggested Zoning Ordinance amendments to Section 3.08 – Accessory Building and Uses. Mr. Edwards explained that the purpose of his memorandum and the attached highlighted portions of the Zoning Ordinance was to bring the Planning Commission's attention to language in this section that was cumbersome, redundant in part and that he seeks clarification of the Community's desire to regulate such buildings and uses. Mr. Edwards will return to the Planning Commission at the June meeting with more materials for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Siska made a motion to adjourn and Myrna Carlin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator

April 17, 2017

Approved by the Planning Commission



Myrna Carlin, Planning Commission Secretary

6/13/17
Date