

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of March 29, 2023

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 p.m. regular meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: Present: Kathleen Frisk, Irene DeRoche, William Gierut, Timothy Werner.

Absent: Terry McBride

Guests: Donald DeRoche
- IV. Approval of the Agenda, motion by Werner, 2nd by Frisk. Motion passed.
- V. Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2023, and Special Meeting March 16, 2023. Motion by Werner, 2nd by Frisk. Motion passed.
- VI. Correspondence:
 1. Andrew Slawski, 209 S. Barnum (Old School), wants to build a 4th floor on the old school building as a residence. Zoning requirements for buildings in Michigamme cannot be higher than 30 feet. Presently no permit. Give request to Michael Simula, Zoning Administrator. Motion by Gierut, 2nd by Frisk. Motion Passed.
- VII. Public Comment:
 1. Donald DeRoche wants to reserve time for Ongoing Business section XI, number 1 on the Agenda, Floyd Luke.
- VIII. Zoning Administrator Comment: Not present
- IX. Board Comment:
 1. DeRoche, asking when her term ends as Planning Commission member.
 2. Gierut, informing us of our new Zoning Administrator, Micheal Simula. Requesting Planning Commission members to change regular monthly meetings dates due to Zoning Administrator conflict with our present schedule. 1st Monday will not work because the DDA has a meeting. Looking at the 1st Thursday of the month for regular meetings. Scheduled work section for the 13th of April for 9am.
- X. Ongoing Business:
 1. Mattson update. February 9, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting, the Mattson's had a civil fine for \$100.00 that went to Court for a Zoning Ordinance violation. A motion was passed by the Planning Commission to have the boats moved

off the property by May 15, 2023. The Mattson's were going to appeal the fine about Zoning Ordinance infraction of the boats in Michigamme Township business district. It was found, the Michigamme Township Board has no specific authority to order the boats to be removed by May 15th. It was decided by the Michigamme Township Board that the charges are to be dropped. The Mattson's were refunded the \$100.00 fine.

2. Dangerous Building: Table this issue for a later date and put it on our work section.

3. Sipes response (a phone call to K. Frisk). Mr. Sipes is looking at a 160 acres piece of property in Michigamme township that is for sale. Mr. Sipes was advised to call property owners of adjacent property owners to see if there is an easement.

4. DDA meeting of April 4th was proposed. There was a request to have a planning commission member to attend a DDA meeting. It is tabled for a later date.

5. Hendrickson requested a variance for a new garage on Arfelin Lake. There are concerns about the width of the proposed garage on Hendrickson property. Hendrickson Lot width is 30 feet by 100 feet. Hendrickson submitted a blueprint for a new garage that would be 28 feet wide. This would only give one foot on each side of the property to the owner. A garage at 28 feet wide would have the roof overhang on the property line.

Snow would run off to adjacent property owners. It was agreeable that the width of the garage should not be more than 24 feet wide. This will be submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Motion by Werner, 2nd by Frisk. Motion passed.

6. Kirk Luke/John Knapek. There was a request for Verizon Wireless Guyed Tower to get permission to upgrade their equipment. Property is owned by Kirk Luke and Verizon Wireless leases the land and the representative is John Knapek. Motion to approve updating equipment, which was Motion by Frisk, 2nd by DeRoche. Motion passed. It will be submitted to the Zoning Administrator.

XI: New Business

1. Floyd Luke has a request for a fence replacement on his property with a new one. The request is to put a new fence in the same place the old fence is presently located on the property line. Donald DeRoche, a guest at the meeting, read to us Michigamme Zoning ordinance which says that a fence shall be one foot into the owner property line. A motion to give it to the Zoning Administrator. Motion for new fence foot back by Frisk, 2nd by Werner. Aye by Gierut, Sustain by DeRoche. Motion passed.
2. Matt Burton, 337 W. Maple St. Mr. Burton was doing an inquiry of his recently purchased lot. The lot is recorded as a buildable lot. Request of what he needs to build a home. Motion to give request to the Zoning Administrator. Motion by Frisk, 2nd by Werner. Motion passed.
3. The scheduling for the next Meeting Date for the Planning Commission. A Special Planning Commission workshop meeting will be scheduled April 13, 2023 at 9 a.m. and Regular Business Meeting April 13, 2023 at 11 a.m.

XII. Public Comment: None

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XIV: Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.

Irene DeRoche, Secretary