

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
MINUTES
September 4, 2019 @7:00 PM**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Tom Sheneman, and Linda Cran
Absent: None
Also, present Steve Barnard, Barb Carton, Sue Mahan

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran, that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried – Unanimous.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - STEVE BARNARD:

Kirk and Cherie Morey – Special Land Use:

Application pulled by applicant due to: Section 311 Item F: In the WFR, and VR districts, the combined ground floor area of all necessary buildings, except as a special land use approved in accordance with Section 1641.

Handouts and Communications:

Traverse City Record Eagle Article – August 18, 2019: New wedding, event venues celebrate natural settings. *Farm Tourism-Events Barns*

Traverse City Record Eagle Article – August 19, 2019: Regulations Shifting short-term rental rules

George and Grace Bacon – Rental Unit Complaint:

Neighbor at 4622 Torch Lake Drive is a Short-term rental.

Law Enforcement had been called often due to parties lasting until early hours.

Discussion followed.

Sheneman: Addressed short-term rental issues and will provide members with a copy of the Hayes Township, (Charlevoix County), Ordinance for Short Term Rentals.

Bentoski Special Land Use Permit – Snowflake:

Issued over two (2) years ago – Ordinance error/mistake

WFR and Section 311, Paragraph D & F per Section 1641

Discussion followed.

It is urgent to correction this section.

Morley – Gourdie Schaffer House on Torch Lake next to Dockside Restaurant and Bar:

Inquiry: Add a second story to the existing house.

Discussion followed.

Recreation Point Complaint:

Neighbors dock and solar lights are too bright.
Referred to Law Enforcement.

Windward Shores Hotel –Inquiry:

Representatives of property seeking information and process to convert current living quarters and garage into four (4) rental units.
Discussion followed.

Lambert Rental on Torch Lake:

Inquiry on an eight (8) foot fence
Discussion followed.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Steiner, seconded by Dewey, to approve the August 7, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried – Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bacon Property –Items have been moved around property and some items removed from property.
- Barnard reported no new complaints.

Master Plan Update:

Sheneman: Draft from Williams and Works review.

- Part One: Introduction No changes
- Part Two: Community Profile
- Chapter 2 Page 8 Fall- remove **and**
Page 13 **add Water Quality Changes**
- Chapter 3 Page 8 **Table 7 update**
Page 30 Trend #5 –**b remove**
- Chapter 4 Page 1 **Great R correct**
Page 8 **Table 23**
- Chapter 5** Page 3 **confirm list has been updated.**
- Questions:** **Will maps be updated and current.**
Will language be included for Short-term rentals?

Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

VARIOUS MATTERS:

Sheneman asked about growing commercial grey hemp for CBD Oil.
Governor Whitmer: Flavored Vaping out lawed on Michigan.
Cran announced that the Mark and Beulah Polzin: 70th Anniversary party and that the Friends of the Vets are hosting a fundraiser September 13, 2019 at ASI.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barb Carton spoke in support of short-term rentals process to register, pay fee and identify the contact person. Public comment closed at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Chair, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran