

CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 09, 2017

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Present – Koster, Patton, Wilcox, Merchberger, Dunn, Kozma, Pieri, Keighley

Approval of Minutes:

Dunn stated he would like to see the zoning ordinance be stricter on “big box” store landscaping. He made the motion to approve the 04-11-17 minutes as written. Merchberger supported. Ayes All. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Additions to the Agenda: VRBO on residential property/legislation/history of VRBO in Clark Township. (*Update Jim Keighley on this item since this is his first meeting.*)

Approval of the Agenda:

Pieri made the motion to approve the Agenda as written adding the VRBO. Supported by Dunn. Ayes All. Motion carried.

ZBA: None

Township Board Report: Sarah Patton representing the Township Board.

- VRBO discussion to amend zoning ordinance.
- Cedarville Marina project goal is to begin on water side in August. Merchberger stated that Mackinac County has money and Clark Township could apply to offset Marina costs.
- Cal Burnside was hired as the new parking enforcer for Clark Township.
- Duck Bay will have two crib docks fixed for hikers, bikers, etc. to bring in more Fall/Spring tourism.
- Clark Township may purchase tax sale properties.
- Siding on the Community Center will be done this summer. Taylor Lumber will match lowest price on same siding from other quotes.
- Gary Reid will meet with MDOT to discuss a non-motorized grant for Hessel.
- Hessel parking: The Township Board has been discussing approaching a few property owners to lease or purchase property in the Hessel area to create parking lots.

New Business

- Patton gave the PC members an article titled, "Clearing the haze on medical marijuana". Members should read this before the next meeting and it will be discussed then.
- VRBO: The PC members will share with each other three priorities regarding the bed and breakfast section and similar sections of the ordinance. Text amendments will be discussed at the next meeting. The Michigan legislation regarding losing local control of VRBO activity (short-term rentals) is a major concern.

Adjournment

Motion by Patton. Seconded by Pieri to adjourn. Ayes All. Motion carried.