

Approved

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
Planning and Zoning Commission
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636
March 7, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Frank Wilcox called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Present were Jerry Geisler, Barbara Gordon, Frank Wilcox, and Lois Saltsman. Lance Roman and Jim Seeburger was absent.

AGENDA: Approved with addition by Kent to New Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3 Public Hearing were amended by Barbara Gordon. Barbara moved to accept the corrections made and Lois Saltsman seconded the motion. The minutes will be revised as amended by B. Gordon.

The minutes of the February 7 regular meeting were approved by a motion by Kent Kelly and seconded by Barbara Gordon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Letter from William Glauz approving the rezoning of his property that was omitted from the original rezoning.
2. Letter from Kasson Township regarding solid Waste recycling funding.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Kent Kelly reported on two meetings of the Township Board in February.

February 7 Special Meeting:

- ❖ GRT Septic Consultants is proposing a drain field of 6100 square feet for a Public Washroom septic field to be located in the Glen Arbor Park. The public washroom would be located in the Township's Old Firehouse property. A 25/75 Grant for this project is being explored. Kent also stated that the cost of the public facility would be about \$140,000 without a Grant. It would cost approximately \$1,000 for a five month season to maintain the septic field and between \$3,000 and \$8,000 to maintain the facility itself. Without anyone to police the area, Kent felt this could be the setting for improper behavior. The Old Firehouse property was appraised at \$360,000 and Kent felt that selling the property and applying the money to the Emergency Services Building loan would be a better way to use the Old Firehouse property. The Park District has applied for a Grant for a Pavillion in the Park.

February 21 Regular Meeting:

- ❖ Bill Batterson gave an estimate of \$10,000 annually to insure the new trucks.
- ❖ Joshua Reed was recommended by Bill Batterson for appointment as an EMT
- ❖ John Kenny recommended that Emergency Services personnel are cross-trained for both EMT and firefighters. 75% of the firefighters are volunteers and 16 live

out of the area. Two volunteers have committed to Monday-Thursday until March 12. A more permanent solution is needed. The position was posted and 3 applicants are being reviewed.

- ❖ John Depuy is working a 40-hour week for Munson's EMT program and wants to stay on as Fire Chief in Glen Arbor.
- ❖ In regards to the recycling issue; legislation passed to put recycling on the ballot.
- ❖ A second boat ramp is being considered to reduce excessive traffic at a cost of approximately \$4,500 to \$5,000. The boat ramp made money this year. Bill Thompson is checking with the road commission for possible restrictions.
- ❖ Proposed increases to Township Board salaries were discussed. John Soderholm asked that an additional \$4,800 should be added to the Treasurers salary for the second tax collection. Total Treasurer salary including the 31% increase is \$24,000. The Trustees will realize a 27% increase to \$2400.00 each.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Bob Hawley, Zoning Administrator was not present.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

Barbara reported there has not been a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kent will report on the definition on the height of a building in the zoning ordinance by the next meeting. He stated it is possible to bring in dirt and raise the grade. Kent feels there should be a new way to define the height of a building.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Frank Wilcox reported on the trailways The Park was stopped from publicizing the trailway plan. A meeting will be scheduled soon to meet with Townships and Park service and better maps are being put together. The maple trees will need to be taken down toward Port Oneida. MDOT has a three-year plan to make sure there is a five foot path on shoulders of M22 and M109 where possible.
- Barbara brought in a revision of her report of properties at the Narrows. Properties are all R1 now. There is a discrepancy in maps between county and township. Barbara will find out which map is correct and confer with Bob Hawley.
- Jerry Geisler and Lois Saltsman recommended there was no sense to rezone. Frank Wilcox looked into the changes in Recreational going to R2 Some of the properties were too full of snow to get property numbers for ownership. From Agenda: numbers 2 – 10 are already decided. #7 cluster housing is aimed at the residential district.
- The Board members suggested that item numbers 2 through 10 should be put to bed for now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amy Peterson questioned as to whether there was a committee some time ago regarding public washrooms. Questioned whether it is \$2,000 now for several portable washrooms. Amy wondered if the Board should act in good faith and do

what was voted to do and sell the property. Amy asked taxes would go up if a public restroom were built.

Jerry Geisler wondered if the park would sometime build their own restroom.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kent moved the meeting be adjourned Lois seconded. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Frank Wilcox at 9:10 PM

Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning and Zoning Commission