


<p style="text-align: center;"> YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Regular Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2014 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p> FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 2 Approved Feb. 6, 2014 as presented APPROVED:  </p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Frank Fiala.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Present: Cunningham, Strickland, Beukema, Campbell, and Fiala. Absent: Purcell, Wells (both with notice).</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Zoning Administrator Larry Knowles, Sandy Marcukaitis, Mark Englerth, Supervisor.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 0</p>	<p> CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL </p>
<p>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</p> <p>Add: General Comments from R. Beukema, (ZBA) and Larry Knowles, Zoning Administrator.</p> <p>New Business: Joint Meeting to be discussed.</p>	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: None.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: None.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion by Beukema with support from Campbell to accept minutes of January 2, 2014 meeting as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p> APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES Motion to accept Jan. 2, 2014 PC minutes as presented. </p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>F. Fiala mentioned the Joint Meeting, which will occur Jan. 23, 2014. ZBA and PC will present their annual reports. Also to be discussed at the Joint Meeting would be outside planning support, and a panel of experts coming in. This panel will be a round table discussion format, not a debate. Names for experts to be on the panel were mentioned. Possibly this panel discussion can be scheduled for March, 2014.</p> <p>Another goal is for signage to be worked on for public hearing. Fiala hopes to get this work done (on Signage) in a meeting or 1 ½ meetings.</p> <p><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></p> <p><u>Article XII:</u> The PC reviewed and discussed each individual item of Article XII listed in its Jan. 2, 2014 meeting.</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Joint Meeting Topics for 1/23/14</p>

Items were listed on the whiteboard as follows:

- Lot Coverage - RLF (Residential Lakefront) and RSF (Residential Single Family).
- Lot Size -
- Non-conforming - (> 50%)
- Residential Structure - (Height maximum allowed and number of stories).
- Granny Flats - (720 sq. feet - first floor)
- Outbuildings - (Maximum sq. foot size & height, and quantity of bldgs.)
- Fences & Decks - (Less than 18 inches)
- Sideline setbacks - (10%)
- Lots, Parcels, Plat books vs. Warranty deeds -
- Lakefront setbacks -
- Outdoor wood burners
- Sheds & Boat houses - (in front yards)
- Signs - (setbacks, height, electronic, LED, non-conforming, gateway)

PC members also discussed what items (listed above) should be included in the upcoming panel discussion.

The Joint Meeting will be one week from tonight's meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. Fiala summarized that at this Joint Meeting, the PC will talk about its annual report, Article XII, and specifics regarding planning support.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Englerth commented on what level of management the Planning Commission desired. Englerth also commented on YS Township being larger than the City of Hastings, with more of a mix of people and properties (from mobile homes to mansions). M. Englerth mentioned that one of the things the PC has to be asking as it formulates its ideas is how much "government" does it want to have? Englerth added that the PC also has to ask this question to the community as well.

Frank Fiala added the Zoning Enabling Act says it (government) should be done as locally as it can be done. If it can't be done at the local level, it should go up another level, increasing levels as necessary. Fiala also added "It can be just as restrictive or unrestrictive as you want it to be."

Cathy Strickland noted that a community with a varied level of people and income is a healthy community.

Fiala thanked the PC for getting so much done this evening. Fiala also noted that he'd like to revisit any issues that Greg Purcell (absent this evening) may have comments or questions on.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Fiala to adjourn meeting at 10:10 p.m. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by:  _____
Cathy Strickland, Secretary Date

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Article XII Discussion

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Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary
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