

**WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 12, 2017**

Chairperson Sarowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Baiardi, Opfermann, Sarowski, Wallin, Repasky.
Absent: Gorman, Kennard.

Visitors: Denise Cline, Sue Matsko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Repasky seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

Approve Minutes: **Baiardi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2017 as presented. Opfermann seconded the motion.**

Vote: All yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance:

Denise Cline presented proposed revisions to the Township Zoning Ordinance that had been discussed by the members of the sub-committee. There are no changes being made that would make it more restrictive to a citizen. They are trying to clean up the language so that it is easier to understand. Any actual proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance will have to go through the normal process for amending an ordinance. Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 were all reviewed. There was discussion regarding farming and livestock in the various districts and where it should or should not be allowed. The Right to Farm Act does play a role in how this is governed locally. It was agreed that farming should not be allowed in any of the R districts. There was discussion regarding signs and what kind of signs should be allowed, the size of signs, where signs could be erected and whether they could be digital or lighted signs. Denise will go over all the suggestions that have been made at this meeting and incorporate them into the zoning ordinance. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Randy Frykberg's written report was presented.

Township Board Representative: The prior Township Board meeting minutes were presented.

Public Comments: None.

Planning Commissioner Comments: None.

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Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Paul Opfermann, Secretary

Transcribed by:
Susan Matsko
Township Secretary

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