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GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
Planning Commission  
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636

July 5, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Lance Roman called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:35 PM.

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**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Lance Roman, Bill Stege, Kent Kelly, John Pepler and Lois Saltsman. Sue Nichols and Fred Missad were absent.

**AGENDA:** Kent Kelly requested the addition of the Flag Ordinance to New Business.

Bill Stege has an addition of a report on the MTA meeting he and Kent attended.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the May meeting were approved with corrections by a motion from John Pepler and supported by Bill Stege. The motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

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**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:**

Kent Kelly provided copies of the minutes of the regular June 21, 2011 meeting of the Township Board.

Of particular note:

Bids were taken for replacement of lighting, furnace and insulation.

Supervisor John Soderholm will contact MTA to see if there is a more appropriate fee to replace the present \$5,000 dues for small communities.

Jim Fowler of the Glen Arbor Park Commission wants to prioritize a hitting wall for the tennis players.

Bill Thompson will contact BATA regarding a bus stop in Glen Arbor.

The proposed vehicular sign ordinance was passed by the Planning Commission and requests that the Board review and approve.

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

Bob Hawley was not present.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:**

No hearings conducted or scheduled.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Kent Kelly read the sign ordinance definition stating that *open* and *welcome* flags are not legal. The only legal flags that may be flown are the American and State of Michigan flags. Advertising flags with business names are considered part of the square footage of signage that a business is allowed. The M22 sign on Matt Wiesen's M22 store was taken down but it now back up.

Bill Stege reported on the MTA meeting attended by he and Kent Kelly. The items discussed were:

Medical Marijuana Act: It was suggested that the Township Board should pass a moratorium for a year on marijuana dispensaries. Kent has information on Court cases now in progress and other information provided by MTA. This item will be on the September agenda.

Wind Energy Ordinances: These ordinances are not applicable to this area.

Urban Chickens: There are presently no ordinances concerning housing animals in the Township. Following a brief discussion it was decided there would be no need to consider any type of an ordinance to restrict owning animals at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The proposed Vehicular Sign Ordinance was discussed again. The Township Board had voted to accept the Ordinance rewritten by Attorney Dick Figura but John Pepler stated that this Ordinance cannot be enforced. This proposed Ordinance was originally suggested as a result of the meetings of the Sign Committee last winter.

The Committee was composed of seven members several of which were business owners. The Committee proposed the Township Board consider three items:

A Vehicular Sign Ordinance  
Way Signs

An Ordinance limiting the amount of frontage bearing signs.

After weighing the pros and cons of rescinding the motion passed at the June Planning meeting, a motion by Bill Stege and supported by John Pepler to support the decision and motion made at the Township June Board meeting to enact the Vehicular Sign Ordinance was passed.

Lance will contact John Dodson regarding instigating an Ordinance requiring sprinkler systems.

The Ihme property on State Street could not be considered a *transfer station* due to volume and the Ihmes have agreed to put up a fence.

Bill, JP, Kent and Fred have their comments and revisions of the Master Plan completed and sent to Lance. Lois will have hers completed in the next two to three weeks and Lance will check with Sue on her progress.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No members of the public were present.

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### **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

JP commented on sending unapproved minutes from the Planning Commission to the Township Board and visa versa. John said that only approved minutes should be presented. Unapproved minutes are not official.

JP made a motion supported by Bill Stege to eliminate the August Planning Commission meeting. The motion passed without discussion. A notice will be placed in the Post Office and on the Township Office bulletin board a week prior to the scheduled August meeting. A notice will be put on the door of the Township Office on August 2 stating the meeting is cancelled. The next Planning meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 PM.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lance Roman adjourned the meeting of the Planning Commission at 8:45 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted  
Dotti Thompson  
Recording Secretary  
Planning Commission

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