

Approved

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636
March 3, 2009
Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Frank Wilcox called the meeting of the Glen Arbor Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present were Frank Wilcox, Kent Kelly, Lois Saltsman and Jim Seeburger. Barbara Gordon and Lance Roman were absent.

AGENDA: Kent Kelly moved to approve the Agenda as written and Jim Seeburger supported. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the February meeting were approved with corrections by a motion by Seeburger and supported by Lois Saltsman.

CORRESPONDENCE: Brochures for two training meetings were distributed for perusal by Commission members. A letter from David Watt regarding Wind Mill ordinances was also distributed for Commission members to read.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Kent Kelly reported on four meetings in February; three of the Township Board and one of the Sign Committee. Copies of the minutes were distributed to the Commission and Kent touched upon the following highlights:

- February 3- Budget meeting.
- February 9-Don Matchke, sewer committee member, felt it would be worth a try to request stimulus money for a sewer system for Glen Arbor. The Board approved a motion for Matchke to submit a 250 word proposal.
- February 17-Salary increases of 3.7% were approved by the Township Board upon recommendation from the Salary and Wage Commission.
 1. John Dodson, Fire Chief, is interviewing for a full time fire fighter after a recent resignation. Part time personnel are filling in temporarily.
 2. Jesse Karner for Glen Lake Association is applying for a grant to establish cold water fish habitat in the mill pond and Brooks Lake, with emphasis on connecting them to the Glen Lakes. He is asking both Empire and Glen Arbor for \$5,000 each towards the \$75,000 required for match.

Sign Committee Meeting:

Kent said the Committee is hoping to have the Way Sign Ordinance in place by April; other sign ordinances are being worked on and will take longer.

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ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Bob Hawley reported that there were no permits issued in February.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

Barbara Gordon was absent.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

The Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance changes to be reviewed at the April Public Hearing. The following changes were suggested:

- Change meeting notice to read *regular meeting* rather than *special meeting*.
- Balance of additions and corrections were noted and will be applied to final copy.
- A motion by Jim Seeburger and supported by Kent Kelly to adopt the ordinance changes from 4.2 to 4.3 passed unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Kent discussed his findings on wind mills and distributed a copy of Suttons Bay's Wind Mill Ordinance. Several issues were in question such as height restrictions, fall lines, noise and positioning in the lake. It was noted that Empire also has a Wind Mill Ordinance.

Jim Seeburger noted that the Western Avenue Grill is removing pool tables and shuffle board to make room for more seating.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public present

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COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

No further comments by the Commission members

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ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Frank Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Glen Arbor Township
Planning Commission