

Approved

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636

September 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lance Roman called the meeting of the Glen Arbor Planning Commission to order at 7:30 PM.

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ROLL CALL:

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

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AGENDA:

Approved as written with the addition of a New Business topic regarding medical marijuana.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bill Stege made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as written and Kent Kelly supported. The motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

An informational brochure regarding Michigan State University upcoming sessions sponsored by the NW Michigan Council of Governments.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Kent Kelly provided copies of the Township Board minutes.

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ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Bob Hawley reported that he had issued one land use permit and had notified the Beauty Shop and WildFlowers they had flags flying that were not in compliance. Both businesses have removed the flags. Hawley is pursuing the M22 flag on the M22 business. The flag could be construed as a highway sign rather than a business sign. Bob will contact Township Attorney, Dick Figura for guidance.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

There were no meetings and none are scheduled.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Don Strachan provided photographs of trailers adjacent to properties in the Township and remarked on the fact that they are unsightly. Two property owners provided photos of a 5th wheel camper seemingly being used as a permanent summer residence parked on a property zoned for single family residences. Bob Hawley said the vehicle has a license plate and does not violate any health department regulations. Fred Missad spoke to this issue last year when

neighbors had brought the issue to the Planning Commission. Fred will contact Dick Figura for assistance with this item.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Kent Kelly brought the final recommendation of the Sign Committee for approval of the Planning Commission. Kent provided verbiage to be used as an addition to Section IV 12.3 regulating the amount of advertising and promotional signage based on the business building's exterior wall area. Lance will write a letter to the Glen Lake Chamber of Commerce inviting feedback on the proposal.

Kent Kelly and Bill Stege attended a meeting regarding medical marijuana. It was suggested the Townships initiate a moratorium for a year to allow themselves to formulate an ordinance and the moratorium can be renewed if necessary. After discussion by the Commission members it was decided to wait and see what Michigan Law will allow.

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Master Plan:

Lois Saltzman working on Chapters 1, 2 and 4 is having some issues with census figures as they appear to be inaccurate. Township Clerk, Bonnie Quick is calling for a recount. Lance suggested Lois use the current figures with a notation stating possible recount information. Lois will contact the National Park regarding the proposed Trail from the Dune to Glen Arbor.

Lance Roman stated that all the chapter revisions are on the web except for the ones being reworked by Lois and Sue Nichols. The entire revision will be published on the Internet when all are complete. The changes will be sent to the three contiguous townships for their review and comments.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Review need of windmill regulation inclusion – Kent has no new information on this item.

Sprinkler in ordinance to reduce insurance costs – The building in contention is not being built so no further action is needed on this item.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kent announced that Glen Arbor Township has received grant money for greening the Township Hall and making it more energy efficient. Approximately \$41,000 were made available in grant money to approve the Township Hall's energy efficiency.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting of the Glen Arbor Planning Commission was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Chairman Lance Roman.

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Respectfully Submitted
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission