

Ganges Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2018
Ganges Township Hall
119th Avenue and 64th Street
Fennville, MI, Allegan County

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair **DeZwaan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Chair: Jackie **DeZwaan** — Present

Secretary: Phil **Badra** — Present

Vice-Chair: Roy **Newman** — Present

Commissioner: Charlie **Hancock** — Present

Commission Trustee: Barry **Gooding** — Present

Zoning Administrator: Tasha **Smalley** — Absent

II. Additions to the agenda and adoption

Gooding wanted to discuss the mining reports and short term rentals. **DeZwaan** motioned that this discussion be added to the Old Business part of the agenda. Motion was seconded by **Hancock**. Motion passed.

III. General Public Comment - None

IV. Correspondence and upcoming meetings/seminars

DeZwaan has PC letters to: Crane Property LLC

Lakeshore Artisan Center LLC

DeZwaan also has the: Ganges Township Board Annual Report

Top Grade Mining Annual and Quarterly Report

Report of the Violation Letters **Smalley** has sent

DeZwaan had no seminars to report on.

V. Public Hearing — None

VI. Approval of October 24, 2017 minutes

A motion was made by **Badra** to approve the August 22, 2017 regular meeting minutes, with corrections. **DeZwaan** seconded the motion. Motion passed

VII. Old Business

Gooding questioned whether or not all of the conditions of the mining approvals were being met, besides the calculations of cubic yards of product reportedly being moved. **DeZwaan** explained the **Smalley** also does an annual inspection of the sites to monitor the conditional guidelines.

Gooding questioned why newly constructed Single Family Dwellings are allowed to be used as short term rentals. **Badra** replied that Ganges Township has no rental ordinances in effect to regulate this kind of use; and that anyone troubled by this matter should address their concerns to the Township Board.

VIII. New Business

- a. Election of Officers

A motion was made by **Badra** to retain all of the current Planning Commission members in their current offices. **Hancock** seconded the motion. Motion passed

- b. Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by **DeZwaan** to approve that the regular monthly meetings be scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at the Ganges Township Hall, at 7pm. **Newman** seconded the motion. Motion passed

IX. Administrative Updates

Township Board-

- a. **Gooding** stated that the Board met in January to review their resolution to opt out of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Act, as well as discussing the 50-foot ladder truck recently purchased from South Haven Area Emergency Services, new gates & signs that need to be installed, and Garbage Services at the recycling center and Pier Cove.
- b. **Gooding** also commented that the Board discussed graveling a section of 64th St and 120th Ave at the February meeting.
- c. **Gooding** went on to say that at the March Board meeting they discussed resurfacing 66th St between 118th Ave & 122nd Ave; but only after the County makes repairs to level the road. **Gooding** also reported that the Sexton had resigned and that new poverty guidelines had been presented.
- d. **DeZwaan** asked **Gooding** to talk to the Board about making repairs to the public posting board/sign in front of the Township Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)-

Newman discussed the March 26, 2018 ZBA meeting decision on Curt Moran's request for relief from the street front setback on Katherine St. This discussion was tabled at the February 27, 2018 meeting. A request for 5' of relief from the street front setback was approved by the ZBA at last night's meeting. **Newman** also discussed Edie Clark's request for 7' of relief from the south side setback of property, to relocate her home away from the eroding bluff; which was also approved by the ZBA.

Zoning Administrator-

Smalley was absent.

DeZwaan queried whether the Special Land Use (SLU) for the 10 acres of the Cranes property had been revoked. **Badra** remarked that he would talk to the Register of Deeds about the issue if **Smalley** had any problems getting the documentation the PC wanted.

Hancock asked for updates on the office building on the Kramer Landscaping yard and activity on the Mother's Trust property. **DeZwaan** reported that construction permits had been obtained and the appropriate inspections had been approved for the office trailer. **DeZwaan** also reported that although there had previously been some discussion between the Ashram and **Smalley**, seeking approval to install a private road, no application had been made.

X. Future Meetings Dates

The future dates of the PC Regular meetings will be April 24, 2018 and May 22, 2018.

XI. General Public Comment - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by **Gooding** and supported by **Badra** to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Goodrich

Ganges Township Recording Secretary