TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP (TLT) ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) MEETING

MINUTES

 Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 PM

Community Service Building,

Torch Lake Township, Michigan

**Present**: Goossen, Petersen, Walworth, Kulka, Graber, Bretz

**Absent:** Jorgensen

**Others**: Grobbel, Vey

**Audience:** Spencer

1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting

Walworth called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

1. Consideration of Agenda

Walworth requested that an agenda item: State of Michigan (SOM) Marijuana Law and Zoning to be added as an item between 6 and 7. **Motion** to add the agenda item was approved by Kulka and second by Goossen. The motion was passed 6-0.

1. **Correspondence, Meetings, Training, Announcements, etc**.

 Walworth attended a SOM-DNR meeting held to discuss a feasibility study for potential boat launch facilities in this area. One potential boat launch might be in TLT on Torch Lake at the property that SOM owns. The DNR purpose for the meeting was to keep the public informed on actions to date and to say that more meetings will be held in the future.

1. Approval of Minutes February 14, 2017 Meeting

**Motion** to approve the draft minutes was made by Graber and seconded by Goossen. Motion was passed 6-0.

5. Concerns of the Public other than Agenda items

None

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Amendments to Sections 2.16.B and 19.02.B Regarding Allowed Structures in Front and Rear Set Back Areas

After some PC discussions, Walworth summarized that there has been extensive discussions and reviews on this change to 2.16B and 19.02B (PC is on version 12) by PC, public and TLT board. **Motion** to approve version 12 was made by Goossen and second by Garber. Motion was passed 6-0. Version 12 will be forward to the TLT board.

**6.5 State Of Michigan (SOM) Marijuana Law and Zoning**

Grobbel: There have been 3 bills signed into law on the Marijuana issue covering items such as licensing, tracking, local government option to regulate, etc. He added that unless the local government put in a local zoning option in place by December 15, 2017, marijuana growing and selling will NOT be allowed.

Discussion followed on the marijuana law and on its potential impact on zoning and TLT. It is a general feeling of the PC that training for PC members is needed and this training could be done at the same time with the TLT board to save training cost. After training, direction from TLT-Board to PC is needed before any PC action.

Per Walworth, a motion to do this was not needed but the feeling and suggestion should be conveyed to the board.

1. **Discussion of Process for 5 Year review of Master Plan**

Grobbel discussed his TLT Master Plan Proposal dated February 21, 2017 that he sent to Walworth based on Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 as amended. There are two sections to his proposal: Section One: Land Use plan Update (points 1-5 totaling $7,500.00) and Section Two: Land Use Plan Re-write (points 1-9 that includes points 1-5 from section one for an additional cost of $4,500.00.) Note, every 5 years per the mentioned law a master plan review must be done.

It was the consensus of the PC board that TLT needs to do a Master plan review and the Section One should be used to accomplish it. A separate meeting with Grobbel should be held to further discuss the Section One proposal and explore some changes and enhancements as long as the TLT Board budget of $8,000.00 is not exceeded.

8. Concerns of the Public

Spencer discussed the need to do a comprehensive Master Plan.

1. **Concerns of the Planning Commission**

None. Meeting was adjourned by Walworth at 8:45 PM.