

Cleveland Township Planning Commission

Cleveland Township Hall, Leelanau County, Michigan

Draft Regular Minutes, June 5, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Manikas called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM
Roll Call: Chair Dean Manikas, Vice Chair Paul Stowe, Board Rep Todd Nowak, Secretary Victoria Sutherland and Commissioner Taylor Moore. Members of the public who identified themselves: Caleb Garone, Bob DeKorne and Ellie Johnson.
2. **Consideration of the Agenda:** Accepted as presented.
3. **Public comment on Agenda:** None
4. **Pronouncement of any Conflict of Interest:** None
5. **Consideration of May 1, 2024, Regular Planning Commission Minutes:** Members reviewed the minutes. **MOTION BY STOWE AND SECOND BY SUTHERLAND TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion passed 5-0.**
6. **Report by Chair:**
 - a. Ellie Johnson is here in person to discuss the responsible forestry amendment.
 - b. Chair Manikas had some statements about what was written in the Leelanau Enterprise about short-term rentals. The legislation will not affect the ordinance written by the Planning Commission, it actually possibly supports it and provides an excise tax. The state may also take over some monitoring of short-term rentals. It also will not affect the proposed timeline of the short-term rental ordinance. The Board will be discussing it at the next meeting.
7. **Reports and Correspondence by Members:** None
8. **Report by Zoning Administrator:**
 - a. Chair Manikas contacted Zoning Administrator Sheehan, a group would like to come next month for a hearing. Chair Manikas stated they would need all of their approvals first before they could be put on the agenda and 15 days' notice is needed to put the notice in the Leelanau Enterprise.
9. **Continuing Business: Develop plan for Agricultural District amendments – re: Park parameters and responsible forestry:**
 - a. **Parks**
 1. Taylor updated the noise section to reflect the noise ordinance and remove mention of speakers.

b. **Forestry**

1. Ellie Johnson stated that the Planning Commission definitely wants to prevent large lots from being cleared.
2. Do not want limit for health/ecological (g).
3. Minor edit for (b) change 5' to 4.5' to meet the standard.
4. Add (d) invasive species with a link.
5. Add edit to (h) addressing Right to Farm Act.
6. Address time frame on (b), how often can someone clear trees under this item.
7. The Planning Commission had a discussion on diseased trees, determined they fall under (d).
8. Chair Manikas will make minor edits.
9. Recording Secretary Stevenson will format the ordinances and forward them to Secretary Sutherland.
10. **MOTION TO ACCEPT DRAFTS OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AMENDMENTS SECTION 9.13 PARKS AND PRIVATE CONSERVATION NATURAL AREAS AND SECTION 9.14 PRIVATE FORESTS BY SUTHERLAND AND SECOND BY STOWE. Motion passed 5-0.**

10. **Open forum Public Comment:** None

11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN BY NOWAK AND SECOND BY SUTHERLAND. Motion passed 5-0.**

Adjournment at 7:22 PM.