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GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636

August 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lance Roman called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:30P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Lance Roman, Bill Stege, Bill Thompson, John Pepler, Pam Lysaght, Michael Plessner and Bob Ihme

AGENDA:

Chairman Lance Roman added two items to the Agenda:

- Bob Sutherland regarding future plans for Cherry Republic
- Paul May regarding a request to run sidewalks on M22 South corridor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ihme moved the minutes of the July meeting be approved with a correction. Stege supported. All ayes no nays.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

- Pepler distributed a report issued by the Glen Lake Fire Department. Pepler pointed out that Lt. Dykgraaf was sworn into his position on 7/18 and reiterated the number of EMS and fire responses in July as a total of 69. Roman asked for clarification of the term *Heavy Rescue* that was in the Vehicle Response chart. Pepler will check with the Fire Chief to clarify.
- Wifi is up and running very well after a few glitches were corrected
- Parking is a concern as always in the summer months.
- Pepler noted there is concern over the speed cars are traveling coming into Glen Arbor on M22 through the South corridor past the Hardware store.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Tim Cypher, Zoning Administrator, was absent. No report was given.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

Lysaght reported on the July 20, 2017 meeting:

The Joy M. Taylor dimensional variance request was approved.

The Dietzel building was approved as a detached residential extension.

The Roy and Carolyn Livingston dimensional variance request was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

BUSINESS:

Bob Sutherland of Cherry Republic discussed his plans for expanding Cherry Republic, adding a septic field and a three story mixed use building for *obtainable housing*. Apartments which would rent at approximately \$900 a month on floors two and three and businesses on the ground floor as well as a basement for storage. Cherry Republic is putting in a septic system at the cost of \$180,000 which could ceiling out at \$350,000 when completed.

Also planning an expansion of the restaurant into a brewery and the addition of another building by moving the Great Hall.

Sutherland expressed the additions to Cherry Republic would benefit Glen Arbor by offering affordable housing and providing more jobs. He hopes to begin construction on the three story building in September of 2018 and the septic system to begin the spring of 2018.

Sutherland will provide site plans and documentation for these projects as they progress.

1. Misc. Grant opportunities
Roman presented a Grant program that is offered by the Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative Community Growth Grants Program that will offer grants up to \$5,000. The Commission was unable to find a use for a Grant of this type at this time.
2. Paul May presented a plan to run a sidewalk down the west side of the M22 corridor. May was advised by the Planning Commission that he should seek aid and advice from the Township Board at their next meeting on August 15. MDOT is also involved in the planning of sidewalks.
3. Master Plan review, all chapters – PL
Other than a change in a page number: Lance – ready to go.
There will be a Public Hearing at 7PM on September 7 directly before the 7:30 PM regular Planning meeting
4. Discuss punch list items as needed or updated (time permitting)

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lance Roman adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission

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