

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636
June 3, 2021

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Immediately following 7PM Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Glen Arbor Planning Commission was called to order at 8:30 PM by Chairman Lance Roman.

ROLL CALL:

Present in person were Bill Thompson, Bob Ihme, John Pepler, Lance Roman and Michael Plessner by Zoom.

Tim Cypher, Zoning Administrator, was also present by Zoom.

AGENDA:

Approved as presented.

MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Plessner recused himself as a former member of the Art Association.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May Planning Meeting were approved by a motion from Thompson and supported by Ihme. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Peppler reported that there was a well-attended Ceremony at the Glen Arbor Cemetery on Memorial Day.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Cypher reported he issued four land use permits last month as well as 100 phone calls in relation to the letters that went out regarding the rezoning in the Business District. An investigation is ongoing regarding a shed that was built on a drain field

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

Cypher reported the ZBA approved one variance and has decided to record their meetings. The ZBA will hold all future decisions until they have consulted with the legal counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BUSINESS:

1. Glen Lake Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) & the Glen Arbor Arts Center (GAAC)

Patricia Widmayer speaking as the Events Coordinator of the Glen Lake Chamber of Commerce and representative for the Glen Arbor Arts Center Collaborative Public Arts Project presented a request to amend the Sign Ordinance to recognize Public Art as an allowable activity in the Business District.

What the Chamber and Arts Center propose is to mount 5 – 7 5x5 juried art panels on the facades of the most visible buildings in the Business District from April 2022 to April 2023 and, potentially, cycle annually.

Roman: “Could anyone put up their own artwork?”

Cypher: “You can put up anything you please. Size can be regulated.”

2. Review Ordinance update proposals
 - a. Relaxing off street parking requirements in Business District
 - b. Fences as structures review
3. Ordinance review sub-committee update

Roman will join subcommittee with Plessner and Cypher and set up a meetings over the summer and will report progress at the September regular Planning meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cypher reported the Attorney is reviewing an application and a public hearing will be scheduled.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Peppler announced there will be a 4th of July parade this year!!

Ihme “What are parameters around conditional zoning? Is it a potential option?”

Cypher: "It would be driven by the applicant. They could deed restrict themselves. The applicant brings forth those conditions." Cypher to research answers as to conditional zoning and its setting precedence.

Pepler: "Have to have conditional zoning within the zoning ordinance."

ADJOURN:

The meeting of the Glen Arbor Planning Commission was adjourned at 9:30 by Chairman Lance Roman.

Respectfully Submitted
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission

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