

**Town of La Pointe Zoning  
Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

**Town Plan Commission Members Present:** Michael Childers; Vice-Chair, Mike Starck, Lois Carlson, Suellen Soucek, Ron Harrold (5)

**Town Plan Commission Members Absent:** Carl Broberg; Chair, Ron Madich (2)

**Public Present:** Liz Ryder, Jim Ryder, Warren Anderson, Jay Westfield, Ken Peterson, Chris Thompson, Molly O'Brien (7)

**Town Staff Members Present:** Jennifer Croonborg; ZA, Jessica Hatch; RCS (2)

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Vice Chair, M. Childers called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm at the Town Hall. Roll call reflected members present or absent as recorded above.

**II. Public Comment**

Jim Ryder would like to be recognized under the agenda item referring to him.

Lois Carlson reads a statement regarding a conversation she overheard on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 between Town Clerk Larry Whalen and another party. The statement is on file in the Town Hall.

Warren Anderson includes a comment regarding a request he had made to Town Clerk Whalen regarding a Public Comment he wanted printed in the Island Gazette which has not occurred as of yet.

**III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The draft minutes from the August 6, 2008 TPC Meeting are reviewed. One error in date of the next Public Hearing is found. M. Starck moves to approve the minutes as amended. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 4 aye, 1 abstain (R. Harrold was not present).

**IV. Zoning Administrator's Report**

On file.

**V. Consideration and/or Action of Permit Applications**

**a. Land Use Application by Jim & Liz Ryder RE encroachment and addition to building on Land Parcels 014-00118-1800, 014-00118-1400 & 014-00118-1600**

ZA speaks to the issue giving a history of the property. She explains some difficulties she is having with this involved situation. This consideration involves three properties that are grandfathered substandard lots. She is also wondering if it is appropriate to refund fees to the Ryders due to the inability to approve the Permit application. J. Ryder submits to the TPC handouts of maps of the said lots, explaining the past transfers that have occurred among the owners. He provides the TPC with examples of similar situations that have been corrected

through creating a map that shows a change of lot boundaries. L. Carlson moves that Jen refund fees with regards to the Ryder's property permit. R. Harrold seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries. Discussion continues because there is more to consider. It is decided that more research is needed. L. Carlson moves to table this item until the September Regular Monthly Meeting. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a. Review and Reconsideration of Request by Thomas E. Nelson in letter dated July 18, 2008 to rescind Zoning Administrator letter dated June 5, 2008 requiring a Land Use Application for certain modifications made to a deck structure. (Tabled from August 6, 2008 Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting.)**

M. Starck gives a brief account of this case. ZA adds important points. It is discussed whether to retract the ZA's letter, but this is not a possible action. L. Carlson moves that we reconsider the motion and the ZA send correspondence to Tom Nelson that we've so-moved, and that a Land Use Permit is not necessary for this deck alteration. M. Starck seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. None**

## **VIII. General Code Project/Ordinance Revision**

- a. Requirements and restrictions on non-conforming (grandfathered) lots. (Tabled from August 6, 2008 meeting)**

M. Childers has placed a call to Alan to meet regarding this item, but has not met yet. M. Starck moves to table this item VIII.a. till the September 17 meeting. R. Harrold seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries.

- b. Camping on Private Lands (Tabled from August 6, 2008 meeting)**

M. Starck explains the process in this matter, relaying that this issue is still far from final decision. Primarily this is a Sanitary Issue regarding Temporary Lodging. M. Starck will do research on this Ashland County Ordinance and write a draft for La Pointe regarding "Camping on Private Lands," S. Soucek will assist. L. Carlson moves to table the "Camping on Private Lands" till the Regular Monthly Meeting in September. M. Starck seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries.

- c. Zoning Map Review and Changes (Tabled from August 6, 2008 meeting)**

D. Hoffman and M. Childers are meeting soon to discuss and research this item. R. Harrold moves to table VIII.c. till the September 17 meeting. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries.

## **IX. Informational Discussion Zoning and Planning Commission Duties**

None.

## **X. Future Agenda Items**

- a. Ryder proposal for non-conforming Lots**

- b. Requirements and restrictions on non-conforming (grandfathered) lots**
- c. Camping on Private Lands**
- d. Zoning Map Review and Changes**

**XI. Schedule of Meetings**

There will be a TPC Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 5 pm at the Town Hall. The next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 5 pm at the Town Hall.

**XII. Adjourn**

L. Carlson moves that we adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourns at 6:00 pm.

**Town Plan Commission Minutes respectfully submitted by Town Plan Commission Recording Secretary, Jessica L. Hatch on Thursday, August 21, 2008.**

**TPC minutes are approved as submitted by Recording Secretary Jessica Hatch on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.**

**TPC minutes amended by direction of Commission; change “special” to “regular” in heading on front page. Minutes approved as amended by J. Hatch on Wednesday, October 1, 2008.**