LELAND TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.  
Leland Township Office  
123 N. St. Joseph St., Lake Leelanau  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Michael Collins  
ABSENT: Trustee Tony Borden  
GUEST: Tim Cypher

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Garthe moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Ms. Brookfield. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorize the Zoning Administrator to expedite LUP for shoreline protection to allow construction of seawalls/breakwalls subject to EGLE permits and other requirements.

   ZA Tim Cypher was present to explain the request and answer questions. This is being considered because a special exception application has been submitted to EGLE for a shoreline protection project. EGLE is required to forward the application to Leland Township, the local unit of government. The statute provides for the local unit of government to have 60 days to consider the application. The township is allowed to expedite the application and review process when extenuating circumstances are present.

   Mr. Cypher has had a lot of experience reviewing shoreline protection projects. It is his opinion that the 60 day period of time to review the application is not needed. There was discussion about how the project will be properly reviewed, current requirements for shoreline projects, and the effect of approving this request. It is important to note that waiving the 60 days review period does not change the process or produce a different outcome. It will just speed up the process when time is of essence in protecting shoreline property.

   Mr. Collins shared information from a book, “The Last Beach” which presents a global view of shoreline projects and the negative effect it has on the natural topography of shorelines.

   ACTION: Ms. Brookfield moved to authorize the Zoning Administrator to expedite LUP for shoreline protection to allow construction of seawalls/breakwalls subject to EGLE permits and other requirements; supported by Ms. Garthe. Motion carried.

   Mr. Cypher will inform Robyn Schmidt of EGLE of the Board’s approval.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS - None

BOARD COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.; supported by Ms. Brookfield. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kacin

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Lisa Brookfield, Leland Township Clerk   Date Approved