

Planning Commission
Public Hearing
6/26/25

Those present: Adam Bronkema, Polly Peyer, Lani White, Jamie Nye, Diane Akright.

Call to order at 10:10am.

Pledge.

Adam went over rules for Public Hearing, then read the draft of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

(Audience attendance attached.)

Tom Lower: 2 couples? **That would fall within your occupancy.**

Misty Weirsma: limiting amt. of rentals? What about those that are rented now that may not be up to standards? **During approval process, those will be addressed. Some may not meet requirements.**

Chris Suchner: How do you verify? **Inspection will be required by Twp.**

Curt Plaunt: Who will enforce? **Supervisor, Zoning Official, or Bd. Designee.**

Doug Miller: what if you have 60 apps? How do you eliminate the 10 over? **First come, first served.**

Clover Schlund: why set a limit? No criteria listed. **It will be listed on app. If Island grows substantially, it may be changed. Our ultimate goal is to maintain our wilderness atmosphere.**

Requirements for rentals? **There will be rules and requirements.**

Tom Wybranowski: Thanked PC. How do we get the name and addy of neighbor who is renting? **The Twp. Will have that info. available.**

Curt P.: There are trailers and people doing things that aren't on their property.

Bruce McAfee: what about sporadic rental? If not advertised, it's not a STR. Isn't it Commercial property, if dwelling is rented all the time? **The State is attempting that with taxes, etc. in future.**

Chris Suchner: Who will inspect if there's a violation? **It's complaint-driven, so Supervisor, ZO, or Bd designee.**

Van Horn: How did this process start? **State of MI is requiring this. MI Supreme Court has given opinion. We will get a copy to you. Cliff (our Twp. Atty. Ahs looked this over and given input. There is an economic aspect to this, too.**

Misty Weirsma: Do you foresee an STR ssn in the future? What are the app. fees for? **Fees will go to violations. Increased costs with County (law), paperwork, etc.**

Chris Suchner: Why not a portion of fee be put toward inspection? There are companies that do that. **That would all be done by the Twp. Bd.**

Curt P.: \$250 won't cover that. The Bd. Will determine where, but money starts in the General Fund.

Tom W.: Trailers? Not in the STR ordinance. We will be working on those NEXT!

Van H.: # of people allowed? Kids? Bunk room? Septic? All of that that will be covered in the site plan to go with application.

Adam B. read a detailed letter of protest from Duncan and Francine Miller (attached) into the record.

Tom Bach: We should take all ordinances into consideration. All ordinances apply automatically.

Jim Hutchinson: Some areas have the app. money go to enforcement.

Misty Weirsma: Thank you. What is our line of communication? Pay attention to agendas for Twp. Bd. meetings, or attend Planning meetings.

When will applications be available? Once the process for the Ordinance has taken place (posting, sending to County for input, voting by Twp. Bd. then 30 days from then.

Julie Maynard: It would be a good idea to let folks know what Mackinac County says about this. Typically they don't reply, but they are given 30 days. Answer will be acknowledged, then posted at a meeting.

Adam B.: Thank you all for coming. Public Hearing is now closed.

Adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani White, secretary