

**St. James Township Planning Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Present:** Anderson, Croswhite, McGinnity, Tidmore

**Absent:** Powers

**Other:** Sheri Richards, Rick Speck, Bobby Welke

1. Call to Order: Tidmore called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Additions/Changes to Agenda:
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special Meeting proposed by McGinnity, seconded by Tidmore; motion passed.
4. Old Business
5. New Business

- a. Beaver Island Historical Society Signage Permit Application

Welke explained the walking tour project, and Speck explained that the only reason it had to come before the board was to decide if the usual \$25 sign permit fee would be applied individually to each of the 17 signs, or if the Board would authorize a more reasonable one-time permit fee.

Motion to recommend that the Zoning Administrator approve the sign permit application submitted by the Beaver Island Historical Society, with a one-time fee of \$100 proposed by Tidmore, seconded by Croswhite; motion passed.

- b. Tidmore briefed the board on the issues discussed at the most recent Charlevoix County Planning Commission meeting. Properties being developed with only pole barns was one issue. Commissioners are going to be investigating how many properties in the City/County of Charlevoix currently have accessory dwellings that are being or could be used as short term rentals. East Jordan is getting a new marina. Tidmore also mentioned the \$6 million dollar Charlevoix to Boyne City rail trail project.
- c. Croswhite summarized what had been discussed at the Planners Forum, and housing summit. The Forum included discussions of the topics of Work Force housing issues (with Charlevoix investigating new options) and Short Term rental issues and policies. Tidmore asked that she present on it at the next Township Board meeting.

6. Public Comment: None
7. Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn proposed by Anderson, McGinnity seconded—meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

Next scheduled Regular Meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018