

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021**

SPECIAL MEETING – SHORT-TERM RENTALS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the special meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Reenders, Kieft, Larsen, Redick, Behm, Meeusen, Wagenmaker

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo and Assistant Planner Hoisington

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Wagenmaker, supported by Trustee Meeusen to approve the meeting agenda regarding Short-Term Rentals. **Which motion carried.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*On Agenda Items*)

1. Manager Cargo noted that a letter from Murray Swiftney (*15877 Lake Avenue*) was received in which Swiftney expressed his opposition to the proposed STR ordinances. A copy of the letter was emailed to all elected officials. Manager Cargo noted that similar to Swiftney's settlement agreement with the Township, Swiftney will be able to continue to rent his property for two weeks per year, although it will require meeting the conditions of the STR regulatory ordinance and a special land use.
2. Laird Schaefer (*12543 Wilderness Trail*) supports the STR ordinances but believes all STR agreements should be required to be in writing and address refunds.
3. Susan Heine (*Chicago, Illinois*) thanked the Board for listening to her concerns regarding the proposed STR ordinances.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Manager Cargo provided an overview of the STR memorandum dated November 30th and noted the following:

- ✓ Six properties were added to the STR Overlay Map based upon years the property was rented, whether there were complaints regarding the STR, lot size, screening, and location (*e.g. not within a traditional neighborhood*).
- ✓ If owners want their properties to be included in the STR Overlay Zone after adoption of the STR ordinances, the property owner will be required to go through a rezoning process.

Motion by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the Zoning Text Amendment and the Overlay Zone Map as presented by staff that includes six

additional STR properties and addresses Short-Term Rentals. This is a second reading. **Which motion** carried, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

Motion by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Redick to approve and adopt the Regulatory Ordinance addressing Short-Term Rentals. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Wagenmaker, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor