

Planning Commission Meeting
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, Mi 49457
August 29, 2012

The Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Jim Cordray, Barb Grob, Lyle Monette, Norm Swier, & Barb Veldman

Absent: Barb Grob

Guests: Zoning Administrator

Perfection of Agenda

Minutes of July 12, 2012 approved.

Zoning Administrator gave an assessment of the Browns' Pond issues and the privately owned parcel. The Dam is presently in a Residential Zone and it is suggested that it be zoned for parks and recreation. This would open the property for possible grants and state help. This would need to be accomplished by a public hearing. The state has final jurisdiction over the dam and makes the final review and assessment of needs.

A motion was made and passed to ask the board to review the property, the zoning and ownership with the help of the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission would than process the change.

Planning Member Reports:

Lyle: None

Jim: Update on meeting held at White River Campground by the White Lake Historical Society on July 19, 2012. The meeting was very successful with 70 people in attendance.

Barb: None

Barb V.: None.

Norm: None. Will discuss issues later in the agenda.

Continuing Business:

Reviewed the high points of the seminar held in Cadillac. It was a very good seminar and ramifications for our township were discussed. Road endings and wireless towers were especially helpful. The land division section was very informative and helpful for future planning.

Recreation Committee has met for two meetings and is studying the Recreation Plan to get familiar with the ideas and needs of the township.

Old Business:

We are still working on the PUD's. The Zoning Administrator is developing a PUD position plan to have it added to the Zoning Manual. The manual refers to PUD's in many places but we do not have the PUD to match the manual.

The completion of the Forest-Recreation zone description is still a work in progress. Once complete, we will need a public hearing before a presentation for the board.

New Business:

Codification of the zoning manual and ordinance manual was again discussed. Norm will get a bid from the Hughes Law Firm and another firm that might be able to codify. An advertiser in the MTA magazine will also be contacted for information on what they do.

.Lyle will met with the township attorney on the mobile home overlay which must be updated. A reply has not been received as of our meeting date.

A question was raised about length of time campers can be on a lot and also permits given. This will be looked at.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary