

Planning Commission Meeting  
Blue Lake Township Hall  
1491 Owasippe Road  
Twin Lake, Mi 49457  
October 10, 2012

The Meeting started at 7:05 PM.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Zoning Administrator

Perfection of Agenda

Minutes of September 12, 2012 approved.

Zoning Administrator reported on a variance request for a storage building on a vacant lot without a residence on the property. This has been an issue many times in Blue Lake Township as well as other townships. Most townships have an ordinance against a building on property without a residence.

A ZBA hearing will be required.

Planning Member Reports:

Lyle: None

Jim: Reported on the White River Watershed concerning a bridge competition.

Barb: None

Barb V.: None

Norm: Discussed free in service meeting for Planning Commission members

Continuing Business:

There were no further updates on the township board.

Considerable discussion about the Brown's Pond Association involvement centered on the engineering needs and DNR action that might be needed.

Recreation Committee is working on a survey to send to township residents to determine their wants and desires

The PUD revision and status is still in progress as well as the Forest Recreation revision and descriptions.

Old Business:

Mobile Home Overlay changes will be considered after information from Doug Hughes is received. It has been three months with still no reply.

New Business:

Codification of the zoning manual and ordinance manual was again discussed. Norm has cancelled a bid request from the Hughes Law Firm as it appears that we might be better served by another firm that has experience in codification.

Three Michigan firms are being contacted to determine their services offered and price expected.

The American Legal Code had a representative meet with Norm to discuss their services. Their work is finalized in a very nice binder for easy access to every ordinance.

The Municipal Code Corporation will present general provisions of their work and a bid.

The General Code Company will also present their work and a bid for the codification project.

The codification process appears to be much more complicated than we had anticipated when the original discussion was started. This is a very important move for our township and we want the best final product possible. A binder appears to be a good way to keep the ordinances as changes can easily be made with deletions and additions.

Much work will necessary to complete the codification.

The next meeting will be November 14, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary