

Planning Commission Meeting
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, Mi 49457
November 19, 2012

The Meeting started at 7:05 PM.

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

Perfection of Agenda

Minutes of October 10, 2012 approved.

A ZBA hearing will be required.

Planning Member Reports:

Lyle: Discussed Brown's Pond issue with pipes under Skeels Rd. Noted that the ZBA hearing will be in December concerning accessory buildings without a residence on property. This is against our ordinance.

Jim: Absent.

Barb G. Discussed changes in membership for Recreation Committee and survey.

Barb V. Discussed PUD's after attending a seminar in Grand Haven.

Norm: Discussed our internet providers. Verizon will not be part of the new tower on Holton Whitehall Rd.

Continuing Business:

The codification process for our ordinances is still a work in progress. Norm has met with three companies that do codification with the following estimate of price:

American Legal	\$5,900
General Code	\$10,000
Municipal Code	\$10,000

It is difficult to proceed further and Norm will get more details. He had copies of some of the work provided. We need to contact other townships with their procedures and which company would be the better to serve us. Much investigation will need to be completed before a decision can be made.

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

Old Business:

Mobile Home Overlay: Still waiting for a reply from Doug Hughes.

New Business:

Home occupations were discussed and we questioned the estimated number within our township. A follow up or legalization of home occupations has not been discussed.

The MTA website was explored. Norm set up a demonstration on getting into and using the website. He also noted the difference of general use and use with a password. How to use the site and get a password was discussed.

The Owasippe Master Plan was discussed. We had not seen a plan before and did not know they had a plan. We will look into this further and compare their plan with the overall township plan.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary