

Planning Commission Meeting  
Blue Lake Township Hall  
1491 Owasippe Road  
Twin Lake, Mi 49457  
September 11, 2013

The Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Jim Cordray, Nancy Frye, Barb Grob, Lyle Monette, & Barb Veldman

Absent: None

Guests: None

Perfection of Agenda: No change

Minutes of August 14, 2013 approved.

Zoning Administrator: No Report

Discussed the highlights of the MTA Conference in Frankenmuth. Many positive ideas were discussed and the meeting covered many topics that we were concerned about. The speaker did an excellent job with the presentation. Three major areas were discussed: Fracking, Master Plans & Zoning.

The planning member reports are of the topics we were to research and determine the next steps to take in making changes.

Planning Member Reports:

Lyle: Presented information on Commercial Districts within the township. We presently have two areas designated commercial. The area at corner of White Lake and Russell Rd is not being used and is owned by the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and they would like the parcel changed to Institutional. The areas by Fruitvale and Nichols presently cover both sides of the road. Lyle will get a better description and total acreage for next meeting.

Nancy: Gave a very detailed report on fracking. Handed out lots of information on how fracking works and the harmful aspects of fracking to the environment as well as making more oil products available in Michigan. It appears that fracking control is basically out of the township realm and under control of the state DEQ. Further research will determine any steps we can take.

Barb V: Researched PUD's and found some very positive aspects to consider. A large handout was prepared and we will get that at the next meeting. We need to determine the merits and demerits of PUD regulations and put into the ordinance and take out the word PUD that we already have without any descriptions

Barb G: Condo regulations and feasibility was discussed and a good description of a condo was given. Comparison of a condo to an

apartment was noted. A further investigation to the condo living will be forthcoming..

Jim: A brief discussion on Institutional Zoning was given. We were out of time and Jim will further the discussion at the next meeting. A number of changes need to be made as the description is not very complete and leaves too many variables to work around.

Continuing Business:

The above topics will be our first areas of concern and each member will further investigate the topics they have been working on.

Bill Hansen is doing some studies of the Browns Pond area. He would like to see the area declared a historical site.

Lyle will look into the format of a codified ordinance so that we can type in that particular style.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary