

Blue Lake Township Planning Commission Public Hearing
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, MI, 49457
May 15, 2024

Chris made a motion to open the public hearing and Lyle seconded the motion. The public hearing opened at 6:30 PM.

A rezoning request No. 3102024 to rezone parcel ID number 61-04-004-200-0004-10 in Blue Lake Township, Muskegon County from FR-I and Conservancy to FR-R6 and Conservancy. Not changing the Conservancy District portion.

A letter from resident Jim Schlichting referenced the legal case that was fought against the township from the Boy Scouts regarding the FR-I zoning. He is against rezoning the FR-I property.

Marlara Hill-Harris, 836 E Fruitvale Rd. stated the problem of the current zoning of FR-I was in the case of the house burning down they may have a problem rebuilding a house in the zoning as it is. She stated the property was zoned to FR-I 5-6 years after the house was built.

Norman Harris, 836 E Fruitvale Rd questioned why it was zoned FR-I after the house was built. He would like it rezoned to what the zoning was when the house was built. He would like something in writing stating that if the house burned down that the house could be rebuilt.

Chris Bade brought up that there is zoning board of appeals process that can be utilized for things like this.

Mike made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Greg seconded the motion. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 PM.

Mike made a motion to open the regular Planning Commission meeting and Chris seconded the motion. The regular planning commission meeting opened at 6:48 PM.

Present were: Mike Sikkenga, Chris Bade, Greg Rice, Lyle Monette

Absent: Blake Richardson

Perfection of Agenda: Add the topic of renewing the Blue Lake Township Comprehensive Development Plan & Recreation Plan to the agenda.

Minutes: Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 10, 2024. Greg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Planning Member Reports: None

New Business: None

Task of the Meeting: West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission process to renew the Blue Lake Township Comprehensive Development Plan and the Blue Lake Township Recreation Plan. The proposed completion schedule will begin next month on June 5th with a meeting with the Planning Commission to develop an online survey and distribution/promotion strategy. The process will take a year with 6-9 visits by the WMSRC staff to assist in the process with approximately 7 Planning Commission meetings over the course of the year to complete the process.

Discussion regarding Rezoning request 3102024. It was stated that the future land use map in the existing Master Plan shows the property to be Forest Recreational-Residential. A question of a survey of the property defining where the FR-I and Conservancy would differentiate could be very helpful.

It was noted that the planning commission did not receive all the documents stated in the Amendment Procedure under the heading (2) from Ordinance No 75. of page 380:127.

A motion to table the decision until further documentation and a review by the township attorney was made by Mike and seconded by Greg. Motion unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 5, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Michael Sikkenga, Secretary