

Blue Lake Township Planning Commission Meeting
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, MI, 49457
September 25, 2024

The meeting started at 6:30PM

The public hearing opened at 6:31 PM

The public hearing opened for a special use request application for a wireless communication tower at 1474 and 1522 East Fruitvale Rd. The meeting opened with a minor presentation from Bob Przyblo from APC towers / Verizon Wireless. He showed a map of the cell phone coverage and the gap that was present in their service area. The location of the proposed tower was shown to provide coverage of the gap area in stated that it should greatly improve Verizon Wireless cell phone coverage in the area. The tower also allows for up to two more carriers to be on the tower. Residents inquired whether other carriers will also be providing service and Bob stated that likely more carriers will use the tower once it is in place.

The public hearing closed at 6:47PM

The regular planning commission proceeded following the public hearing.

Present were: Mike Sikkenga, Chris Bade, Rob Gaston, Lyle Monette

Absent: Greg Rice

Perfection of Agenda: None

Minutes: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes dated August 14, 2024. Mike seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Planning Member Reports: Rob stated that the Green Trail at the recreation property near Automobile Rd is about 15% complete. The Red and Purple Trail are 100% complete. There is also now a sign showing the map route of the trails at the parking area.

New Business: None

Task of the Meeting: Review a special use request application for a wireless communication tower installation near Kops Rd and Fruitvale Rd. Mike read through the ordinance requirements for a wireless communications tower as described in the Township Ordinance and how the proposed tower will comply with all the requirements of the ordinance. Mike made a motion to approve the special use request application for the wireless communication tower. Chris seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lyle made a motion to have Chris as the Vice President of the Planning Commission. Rob seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 16, 2024.

Lyle made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Michael Sikkenga, Secretary