

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Present 6

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:07 PM. – Peterson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Peterson
- III. Roll Call of Members Present – Fletemier
  1. Present Peterson, Southwell, Bond, Buttermore, Shaw, Fletemier
  2. Also Present, Shearer, Campbell
    - Zoom – 4
- IV. Adoption of Agenda - Peterson
  1. Motion to adopt agenda was made by Shaw and supported by Bond;
    - Motion was carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting
  1. Review of meeting dated January 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022
    - Incorrect minutes were printed - approval will be held for next meeting.
- VI. Declaration of conflict of Interest
  1. None
- VII. Public Comment
  1. Blair Shearer – Training for Planning Commission Members May 19<sup>th</sup> recommended
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
  1. No Updates
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals- Buttermore
  1. Nothing to report
- X. Old Business
  1. Ordinance 3.08 Nonconformities, Sec. 2, Items D and E
    - Petersen discussed with the Township Attorney
      - Attorney recommends 2 options, one more strict than the other.
      - Attorney draft language for each option provided to Commission Members.
        - Members review and be prepared to comment at next meeting.
  2. Update Definition of Hot Tub / Swim Spa / Pool
    - Update 3.18 Definition to separate a pool and a spa
    - Move 3.18 paragraph 10
      - Check County building codes / ordinance and determine if the county ordinance addresses Hot Tubs / Spa's relative to paragraph 10– Fletemier
      - Develop Draft Ordinance update for the next meeting;
        - Where to place Definitions - Fletemier
        - What definitions to add for 1) Pool and 2) Spa / Hot

Tub - Fletemier

- Recommendation for Paragraph 10

3. Add definition for accessory Building Height to Match the Schedule of Regulations

- Formal proposal for Definitions;
  - Accessory building Height; The Elevation measured from the floor to the peak. No portion of the structure's roof (except chimneys) may exceed the height allowed in the specific regulations.
  - Revise definition of Building Height to Dwelling Height – definition remains as written.

4. 5 Year Plan

- Planning Commission Members each will take one section and propose updates:
  - Chapter 3 - Natural Resources – Allen
  - Chapter 4 – Existing Land use Fletemier
  - Chapter 5 – Southwell Dave will send an updated version of this.
  - Chapter 6 – Petersen
  - Chapter 8 – Shaw
- Overall topic tabled to next meeting.
- All proposals will be reviewed live during meetings to facilitate progress.

5. Rental Properties

- Tabled due to time constraints

XI. New Business

1. Items from Survey to include in the next Newsletter – Tabled due to time constraints
2. Update Bi-Laws – tabled due to time constraints

XII. Public Comment

1. Willa Rosseau
  - Inquired about Short Term Rentals and movement in the Senate
    - Peterson replied no movement.
  - Stated that Bedal Ave on North Blue Lake has erosion ; requested how to address the issue.
    - Fletemier recommended that she contact the Kalkaska County Road Commission

XIII. Planning Commission Member Comments and Input

1. None

XIV. Next Meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00 PM

XV. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn at 9:016 PM by Petersen Supported by Shaw, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Attested to:



Todd Fletemier, Secretary

~~Tina Petersen, Chairperson~~

David Southwell Co Chairperson

***These minutes are not official until approved by the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.***