

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

7 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:00 am - Allen
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Allen
- III. Roll Call of Members Present: Shaw, Allen, Sawasky, Peterson, Bond
Also present: Blair Shearer, Kathy Campbell
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Allen - Motion to adopt agenda by Allen, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- V. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Peterson will abstain from voting on proposed language related to Home Based Businesses
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated December 5, 2018 by Allen, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- VII. Public Input –
Zoning Supervisor, Campbell.
 1. A court date was held on 12/21/18 at 10:00 a.m. for the residents of Squaw Lake to appeal the decision of the ZBA. The court ruled in favor of the ZBA.

Township Supervisor, Shearer presented the following concerns/updates for discussion:

1. The right to use marijuana was passed in the state of Michigan. The Township has decided to opt out of the bill and will not allow usage within the Township.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
Nothing to report
- IX. Report Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky
Nothing to report
- X. Old Business –
1. Clarification of page II-6 Definitions of Home Business to read as follows:
“A profession, occupation, or trade that is accessory to a principal residential use conducted within dwelling or residential accessory building.
 2. Clarification of page II-6 Definition of Home Occupations to read as follows:
“A profession or occupation which provides a service conducted within a dwelling, or a garage, which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the lot, or dwelling for residential purposes.”
 3. Clarification of page II-6 Definition of Cottage Industry to read as follows:
“A trade which produces a product conducted within a home or detached residential accessory structure, which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the lot and dwelling for residential purposes.”
 4. Clarification of page II-6 Definition of Home Based Business to read as follows:
“Home based Businesses are regulated by **Section 3.05.3.**”
 5. Clarification of Page III-2 through III-3, Section 3.05 Home Business
“home occupations”, “cottage industries” and “home based business” should be italicized throughout because they are definitions.
 6. Clarification of Page III-2 through III-3, Section 3.05 Home Business, Item 1. Home Occupations, Letter E should read as follows:
“Any machinery, mechanical devices, or equipment employed in the conduct of a

Home Occupation shall not generate noise, vibration, radiation, odor, glare, smoke, steam, or other conditions not typically associated with the use of the dwelling for residential purposes.

7. Clarification of Page III-2 through III-3, Section 3.05 Home Business, Item 1. Home Occupations, Letter G, Remove the following:
“No goods or materials shall be sold that are not produced or distributed through the conduct of the Home Occupation.”
8. Clarification of Page III-4, Section 3.05 Home Business, Item 1. Home Occupations, Letter A should read as follows:
“Home Based business shall be allowed on the basis of individual merit, a periodic review of each home based business shall be performed to ensure the conditions of approval are adhered to.”
9. Clarification in Section 4.14, page IV-13 – Footnotes to Schedules of Regulations: Italicize ordinary high water line as it is a definition.
10. Clarification in Section 4.14, page IV-13 – Footnotes to Schedules of Regulations: The word “platted” should be added to footnote be to read as follows:
“In no case shall the structure be closer to the lakefront than the set-back distance to the platted property line or within the greenbelt ordinance except as allowed by the greenbelt law Section 3.07.”
11. Proposed changes should be submitted to the Township attorney for review sometime in March. A second meeting will be held in March to conduct a final review of the information and approval to submit to the attorney for input.
12. Postcards will be mailed to residents of Blue Lake Township 6 weeks prior to voting to amend the language of the current regulations.
13. Ad(s) need to be published in the local newspaper 2 weeks prior to voting to amend the language of the current regulations.

XI. New Business -

1. Should the Township consider sending a survey to the public in the next tax bill in an effort to gather opinions from the residents in the Township on what improvements they would like to see in the future?
2. The website needs to be updated to reflect the current members and their terms.
3. A document will be created to reflect how the Planning Board will address public comments.

**XII. Public Input -
None**

XIII. Planning Board Member Comments and Input – None

XIV. Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Township Hall.

XV. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn at 11:12 am by Allen, supported by Sawasky, motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attested to:

Tina Peterson, Secretary
Chairperson

Rhonda Allen, Planning Board