

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 9:00 a.m.

8 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, Ross, 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 amended minutes of last meeting dated November 7, 2018 by Allen, supported by Ross, motion carried.
- VII. Public Input –
Zoning Supervisor, Campbell stated that the Township was contacted by an individual who was interested in putting up a cell tower at the corner of Sunset Trail NE and Starvation Lake Road which would require a special use permit. Upon investigating the request, she found that a form did not exist for a special use permit, so one will need to be developed. A sample will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

1. The Township is considering 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. It was proposed that a millage be requested for future road maintenance and resurfacing as the current millage expires at the end of 2018.
 3. A letter of opposition for Senate Bill 396 which discusses the deterioration of the roads due to the logging industry has been sent to our State Senator.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
Nothing to report
 - IX. Report Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky
A court date has been set for 12/21/18 at 10:00 a.m. for the residents of Squaw Lake to appeal the decision of the ZBA.
 - X. Old Business –
 1. Clarification for verbiage in Article II, #2, Section 2.02: The word acronym was spelled “acreman” and needed to be corrected.
 2. Clarification for verbiage on Section 4.14 page IV-12: Remove items #2 and #3.
 3. Clarification in Section 4.14, page IV-12: Remove footnote (f) from the Schedule of Regulations
 4. Clarification in Section 4.14, page IV-13: Remove item #3 which is Footnote F.
 5. Clarification in the Definitions section, page II-4: Change the definition of building height to reflect the same verbiage as the proposed verbiage in Section 4.14, page IV-13, Footnote E which reads as follows
“Maximum height allowed shall be 35 feet as measured from main interior finished floor to highest peak. Walk-out basements for dwellings shall be excluded from the height measurement.”

6. Proposed changes should be submitted to the Township attorney for review sometime in March.
7. Postcards will be mailed to residents of Blue Lake Township 6 weeks prior to voting to amend the language of the current regulations.
8. 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. A document will be created to reflect how the Planning Board will address public comments.
2. The 2019 Planning Board Meeting schedule was set as follows:
January – no meeting
Wednesday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 1st at 9:00 a.m.
July – no meeting
Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 4th at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m.

XII. Public Input -

The right to use marijuana was passed in the state of Michigan. The Township will discuss potential requirements for the new law at the meeting in August.

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 10:30 am by Allen, supported by Shaw, 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

Rhonda Allen, Planning Board Chairperson