

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:00 am - Allen
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Allen
- III. Roll Call of Members Present: Gruley, Allen, Sawasky, Shaw, Ross, Peterson, Gretke
Absent: Lavender
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Allen - Motion to adopt agenda with amendment to add discussion of High Water Mark to Old Business by Allen, supported by Shaw, motion carried.
- V. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None
- VI. Minutes of last meeting – Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated December 6, 2017 by Shaw with noted corrections, supported by Sawasky, motion carried.
- VII. Public Input - Nothing to report
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
The suit over the set-back issue on Big Twin Lake has been settled.
Township Clerk Nichol recommended that the township website be revamped to be more user-friendly for smart phones. Nichol requested that Allen be part of the support and change.
- IX. Report Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Lavender-
Lavender absent – Nothing to report
- X. Old Business –
Discussion continued on better defining Ordinary High Water Mark (Not to change our current ordinance but to include a definition of OHWM.). Several definitions and language based on Government regulations and case law were provided by Peterson for review and comparison. A draft of the suggested verbiage will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.

Discussion continued on defining and measuring Maximum Dwelling Height. A draft of the suggested verbiage will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.
- XI. New Business
Discussion continued on better defining Section 3.05 - Home Business. It was agreed that we should consider adding another section under Home Business to include HOME BASED BUSINESS in addition to the existing “Home Occupation” and “Cottage Industries”.
Suggestions for what boundaries the township may want to adopt and a draft for suggested verbiage will be discussed at the next Planning Board meeting.
- XII. Public Input - None
- XIII. Planning Board Member Comments and Input –
Sawasky mentioned that Supervisor Shearer recommended that the Planning Board members attend an upcoming MTA conference on Zoning and Planning in March at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.
Shaw recommended that an updated list of Planning Board member’s email and phone numbers be created. Also, some Planning Board member’s terms need to be renewed by the Township Supervisor/board. It will be added to tonight’s Township board meeting agenda.

XIV. Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Township Hall.

XV. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am by Shaw, supported by Allen, 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:

Janet Gruley, Secretary

Rhonda Allen, Planning Board Chairperson