

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

May 6, 2021 9:00 a.m.

6 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:01 a.m. - Sawasky
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Sawasky
- III. Roll Call of Members Present: Sawasky, Shaw, Gruley, Southwell, Bond, and Peterson  
Also present: Shearer, Campbell
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Sawasky  
Motion to adopt agenda was made by Sawasky and supported by Southwell, motion was carried.
- V. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
- VI. Minutes of last meeting - Sawasky  
Motion to approve minutes of the meeting dated May 6, 2021 was made by Shaw and supported by Peterson, motion was carried.
- VII. Public Input  
None
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw  
Shaw will provide a copy of the Meeting Minutes from 4/17/21 to the Township Board. The Board requested that the survey results collected by the Planning Commission be kept in a binder for historical record.
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky  
An application for Variance has been received, however a meeting has not been scheduled.
- X. Old Business –
  1. Sawasky has resigned from the Planning Commission, but will remain on as Co-Chairman until the new officers have been elected.
  2. The proposed ordinance for Home Based Business will be discussed by the Township Board at the next meeting on May 12, 2021.
  3. 780 surveys were sent to Township residents to obtain input for preparation of the Five-Year Plan which will begin being drafted later this year. Of those, we have received 260 responses. The information will be compiled into an Excel spreadsheet and distributed at the meeting in September.
  4. Rental properties in the Township  
There are currently 19 rental properties in the Township. Campbell searched online and found 9 properties that are being offered as rentals that have not registered with the Township as required. They were sent registration forms – Two properties completed the registration forms and submitted them to the Township. Seven properties still have not registered and were sent a Violation. Southwell and Gruley will provide input to consider for updating our current ordinance. HB4722 has been introduced in the State's House and Senate and will be voted on this month. This will have an impact on our current Ordinance.
- XI. New Business -
  - a. Planning Commission elections – An attempt was made to elect a

Chairperson, however the vote resulted in a tie as there were 6 members in attendance. The elections will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on June 1, 2021.

- b. A letter was drafted to respond to residents who live on Starvation Lake to provide the outcome of the meeting held on 4/17/21 which was to discuss a Temporary Local Watercraft Control.
- c. There are 2 shipping containers being used on a property which is located on Indian Lake. Campbell could not attend the meeting to discuss this issue, however she is seeking guidance from the attorney for the Township and will provide additional details at the next meeting in June.

**XII.** Public Input  
None

**XIII.** Planning Board Member Comments and Input  
None

**XIV.** Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date  
Next meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

**XV.** Adjournment –  
Motion to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. was made by Shaw and supported by Bond, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tina Peterson  
Planning Board Secretary