

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

June 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

7 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:03 p.m. - Sawasky
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Sawasky
- III. Roll Call of Members Present: Sawasky, Shaw, Gruley, Southwell, Bond, Allen, and Peterson
Also present: Shearer, Campbell
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Sawasky
Motion to adopt agenda was made by Peterson and supported by Allen, 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 as amended was made by Shaw and supported by Peterson, motion was carried.
Minutes were amended to strike the statement that Carl Buttermore would replace Tom Sawasky on the Planning Commission.
- VII. Public Input
Susan George expressed concern about shipping containers that are located on a property on Indian Lake and wanted to know if shipping containers are allowed in the Township. The Planning Commission deferred the discussion to discuss later in the agenda.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
The Township Board requested that published notices and notifications to residents be more clear as to the subject requiring a special meeting. Shaw also discussed the need for written responses for public meetings. The Planning Commission will try to utilize the Newsletter to disseminate responses.
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky
An application for Variance has been received and a meeting has been scheduled for 6/21/21 at 9:00 a.m.
- X. Old Business –
 1. Elections were held for the positions of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. Peterson was elected Chairperson and Southwell was elected as Co-Chairperson. Their duties will begin with the August meeting.
 2. The proposed ordinance for Home Based Business was not approved by the Township Board. Shaw will research information to see what other Townships have for Home Based Business and draft an ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.
 3. Rental properties in the Township
HB4722 has been introduced in the State's House and Bill 446 has been introduced in the Senate. Neither have passed yet, but are being considered. This will potentially have an impact on our current Ordinance.
 4. Shipping Containers are considered a structure which requires a permit and are currently allowed in the Township. Southwell will draft an ordinance to address shipping containers.

XI. New Business -

1. The Planning Commission is interested in having every meeting via Zoom as well as in-person. Shaw will determine if this is a possibility.
2. Ordinance 3.08 Nonconformities, Sec. 2 – D and E will be discussed at the next meeting in August.

XII. Public Input

Christine Nothstine requested that the Planning Commission meetings occur either in the evening or on the weekend so that more residents can attend.

XIII. Planning Board Member Comments and Input

Peterson stated that the Kalkaska Snow and Sand Club has requested to lease 5 acres from the Township on the corner of Sunset Trail NE and Starvation Lake Road. They would like to build a club house for their members to use year-round and an out building to house their equipment.

XIV. Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date

Next meeting: Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.

XV. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. was made by Southwell and supported by Shaw, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tina Peterson

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Planning Board Chairperson

Attested to:

Dave Southwell

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Planning Board Co-Chairperson