

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting

August 7, 2021 9:00 a.m.

6 Present

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:00 a.m. - Peterson
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Peterson
- III. Roll Call of Members – Peterson  
Present: Shaw, Gruley, Southwell, Southwell, Allen, and Peterson  
Also present: Shearer, Campbell
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Peterson  
Motion to adopt agenda was made by Shaw and supported by Allen, motion was carried.
- V. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
- VI. Minutes of last meeting - Peterson  
Motion to approve minutes of the meeting dated June , 2021 was made by Shaw and supported by Allen, motion was carried.
- VII. Public Input  
Shearer asked the Planning Commission to consider changing the dates and times of the meetings to be held either in the evenings or on a Saturday so that more residents can attend. Shearer also said that the Township has been given \$36,000 to spend and asked the Planning Commission to provide input as to where it would benefit the Township within the requirements and limitations as to where the money can be spent.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw  
American Waste is now GFS. There have been different types of trucks seen picking up the refuse. Also, the Township Board has approved a road millage request to be placed on the ballot for residents to vote on the millage.
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Gruley  
An application for Variance was approved by the Zoning Board at the meeting held on 6/21/21.
- X. Old Business –
  1. Todd Fletemier has accepted the role of Secretary and will assume those responsibilities at the next meeting. Also, Dave Gruley has accepted the role of Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison for the Planning Commission.
  2. The proposed fireworks ordinance which was drafted by the Planning Commission has been discarded. This is a Police Power Ordinance which can only be updated by the Township Board. Peterson will provide Shaw with the information received from the Township attorney and will discuss her proposed updates with the Board.
  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 has been passed yet and they are still being considered. Campbell will monitor the progress as this may potentially have an impact on our current Ordinance.
  4. The Planning Commission considered holding all future meetings via Zoom online so that more residents can attend. Shearer stated that there is a cost associated with using Zoom, therefore we will not hold the meetings online.

5. Ordinance Section 3.08 Nonconformities, # 2 – Items D and E The Township Board passed a motion for this ordinance to be updated. Peterson will create a draft and bring it to the next meeting for review by the Planning Commission.
6. Shipping Containers are considered a structure which requires a permit and are currently allowed in the Township. Southwell drafted information for the Planning Commission to consider so that an ordinance can be created to address shipping containers. The Planning Commission discussed the information, provided input, and requested Southwell to draft an ordinance to be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Shaw researched information to see what other Townships have as an ordinance for Home Based Businesses and provided recommendations for discussion at the next meeting.

**XI. New Business -**

1. 5-Year Plan

**XII. Public Input**

Shearer mentioned that there are currently sheds in the greenbelt area now that the water has been receding on Big Twin Lake.

**XIII. Planning Board Member Comments and Input**

None

**XIV. Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.

**XV. Adjournment –**

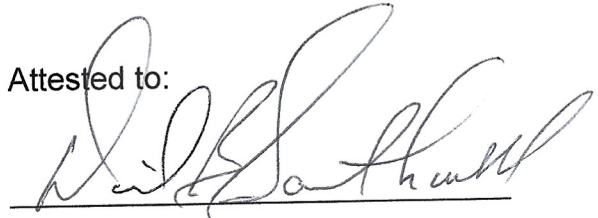
Motion to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. was made by Peterson and supported by Southwell, motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tina Peterson  
Planning Board Chairperson

Attested to:



Dave Southwell  
Planning Board Co-Chairperson