

Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

Minutes

Planning Board Regular Meeting
Saturday, July 11th, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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- I. Meeting Call to Order at 9:13 a.m. - Allen
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Allen
- III. Roll Call of Members Present: Allen, Sawasky, Bond, Shaw, Southwell, Gruley, Peterson
Also present: Blair Shearer, Kathy Campbell
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Allen
Motion to adopt agenda was made by Shaw and supported by Peterson, motion was carried.
- V. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None
- VI. Minutes of last meeting
Motion to approve minutes of last meeting dated June 3, 2020 was made by Shaw and supported by Peterson. Motion was carried.
- VII. Public Input –
 1. 37 residents attended the meeting online, and 19 residents attended the meeting in person.
 2. The Secretary received input from 13 residents prior to the meeting.
 3. Clarification was requested by residents regarding the Temporary Local Watercraft Control proposal. The following was discussed:
 - a. The TLWC can only be requested once, unless a permanent one is being requested by the Township.
 - b. Concerns were addressed regarding a decline in property values; however the Township does not wish to request a permanent TLWC, so property values will not decline.
 - c. Residents discussed erosion issues, damage to trees, and flooded basements; however that is all due to the high water levels and is hardly caused by high wakes on the Lake.
 - d. Residents stated that most of the people who use Starvation Lake are respectful and do not cause wake near the shoreline, therefore the wake could be monitored by the residents.
 - e. Residents also acknowledged that the high water levels were cyclical and expected; however the level of the water has never been this high before.
 4. The Planning Board asked the Residents to respond individually with whether they wanted to pursue a TLWC now or wait to re-evaluate the request in the Spring after the ice melted. After listening to the responses, there was not sufficient support to move forward with a TLWC this year. Therefore, we will re-evaluate the water levels in the Spring of 2021.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
The Board will meet on Monday, July 13th to vote on a TLWC if it is submitted by the Planning Commission.
- IX. Report Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Sawasky
The Zoning Board of Appeals will meeting on July 21st.
- X. Old Business –
 1. None

- XI. New Business -
 - 1. None
- XII. Public Input
 - 1. None
- XIII. Planning Board Member Comments and Input
 - 1. Because only 1 TLWC can be requested, the Summer Season was coming to a close soon, and the feedback from the Residents was split 18 to 14, the Planning Board was requested by Shaw to vote on record whether to postpone moving forward and re-evaluate the water levels in the Spring or not. The following votes were recorded:
 - Shaw – voted yes
 - Sawasky - voted no
 - Bond – voted yes
 - Allen – voted yes
 - Gruley – voted yes
 - Southwell – voted yes
 - Peterson – voted yesTherefore, in a vote of 6 to 1, the motion for the TLWC to be postponed and the water levels to be re-evaluated in the Spring to determine if the TLWC will need to be requested at that time was carried.
- XIV. Set/Confirm Next Meeting Date
 - Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5th at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.
- XV. Adjournment –
 - Motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m. was made by Shaw and supported by Gruley. Motion was carried.

These minutes are not official until approved by the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tina Peterson

Tina Peterson, Secretary
Planning Board

Attested to:

Rhonda Allen

Rhonda Allen, Planning Board