



Meeting Minutes Draft

Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 7:00 p.m.·

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance -- Southwell
- III. Roll Call of Members Present
 1. Present Southwell, Allen, Shaw, Fletemier, Buttermore, Bond, Nothstine
 2. Also Present Shearer
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Southwell
 1. Motion to Adopt agenda by Fletemier, supported by Allen
 - Motion Carried
- V. Adoption of the Minutes of last meeting
 1. Motion to Approve as written by Shaw, supported by Allen
 - Motion carried
- VI. Declaration of conflict of Interest - None
- VII. Public Comment
 1. None
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
 1. Zoning Administrator has resigned
 - Seeking replacement
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore
 1. None
- X. Planning Commission Members Comments and Input
 1. **None**
- XI. Old Business
 1. Short Term Rental review in light of 2023 MI Appeals Court rulings – where are we on this?
 - Review Attorney Response – Fletemier
 - Case has no direct bearing on Blue Lake Township Planning Commission
 - Discussion – Motion by Fletemier to set aside court ruling issues

- Motion Carried
- Review Letter from resident Cindy Andersen
 - Mrs Anderson explained her request that the Planning Commission review the definition of Short Term Rentals as a Commercial Activity or a Residential Use.
 - Blair Shearer – Agree it is a commercial use.
 - Fletemier to send a letter to the Attorney Wendling for a recommendation on how to proceed with a possible determination that STR's are Commercial
- 2. House Bills 5120 and 5121 (zoning for renewable energy – What do we know about this?)
 - Table pending guidance from MTA
- 3. Requirement for Well and Septic Permit from DHD 10 prior to issuance of a Zoning Permit in Blue Lake Township
 - Review Neighboring Communities Requirements
 - Decision on revising current zoning to void this requirement or maintain as written.
 - Agreement that the zoning should remain as written.

XII. New Business

XIII. Public Comment

1. None

XIV. Confirm Date of Next Planning Commission Meeting.

1. March 26, 2024 – 7:00 PM

XV. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Fletemier supported by Shaw

1. Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attested to:

Todd Fletemier, Secretary

Dave Southwell, Chairperson

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