

2018 Annual Report to Village of Bear Lake Council Members from Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission

The Planning Commission held seven meetings during 2018.

With changes coming forth for the Village of Bear Lake, the Planning Commission devoted most of their meetings to Zoning Ordinances in the Village. After seeking out many options of zoning, it was decided to contract with the Manistee County Planning and Zoning Director Rob Carson. We feel that Rob has the knowledge with the help of the Planning Commission to determine what is the best fit for our unique village.

The Village has many projects in progress which include to become a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) in conjunction with Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). To be vibrant and competitive, Michigan communities must be ready for development. This involves planning for new investment and reinvestment, identifying assets and opportunities, and focusing limited resources. The RRC is at no cost to the Village.

To become RRC certified the process includes seven components: Capital Improvement Planning, Economic Development Strategy, Development of RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for Developers, Guides for Development, Master Plan Update, Marketing and Branding Strategies, and Public Participation Plan Strategies. This is something that will not happen overnight. It will take approximately 2-3 years for the Village to become qualified.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Farfsing, Chairperson