

2019 Annual Report to Village of Bear Lake Council Members

From Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission

Election of officers took place with the following voted upon:

Chairperson – Barb Farfsing

Vice Chairperson – Bill Beaver

Commission Members: Myrna Walter and David Ross

Ex Officio – Marla Evans

Recording Secretary – Cindi McPherson, appointed

With the final Zoning Ordinances being recommended for approval first by the Planning Commission and then with Public Hearings conducted, the Zoning Ordinance was presented to the Village Council and adopted July 17, 2019, with the effective date of July 30, 2019.

That brought on the Land Use Permit Fees being reviewed with many local entities to see if we were in line with others and a final decision was given to the Village Council, with them being adopted them in August.

A Land Use Permit Application was also needed and the Planning Commission presented it to the Village Council. This was also adopted it in August.

Council voted to have Manistee County Planning Commission Office administer the villages Zoning Ordinances.

Projects that the Planning Commission are working on are the Cosier Park/Pickleball Court, Hopkins Park, useful ideas for the Veterans Deck, and ideas for downtown Streetscape.

The Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) project is a work in progress. RRC involves planning for new investment and reinvestment, identifying assets and opportunities, and focusing on limited resources. There is no cost to the Village to become an RRC. It will take approximately 2-3 years for the Village to become qualified.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Farfsing, Chairperson

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