

## Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission

12376 Virginia St. Bear Lake, MI 49614

August 11, 2020

### Approved Regular Meeting Minutes, with correction, cmc

The regular Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6pm by Chairperson Farfsing.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

#### ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Beaver, Evans, Farfsing, McPherson, Ross, Walter

Absent: None

Visitors: 1 guest was present at meeting

1 guest was on conference line.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Ross to accept the agenda, seconded by Walter, approved by all, motion carried

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Ross, Walter, Farfsing

No: None

Absent: None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion was made by Ross to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020 Regular Planning Commission Meeting seconded by Evans, approved by all, motion carried.**

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Ross, Walter, Farfsing

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Note: Ross wanted know if any of these items were followed up on from June's meeting?

- Golf Carts – can they legally drive on village streets? Farfsing will check with Rob Carson. Additionally, can 4 wheelers and dirt bikes?
- Discussion and update on the Pickle Ball Court (Municipal Play Ground Park) – Farfsing will contact M. Zimmerman regarding reserving court time and kids playing time.
- Discussion on signs at deck (band stand) area, no bike or skateboard sign and at the pocket park by the pharmacy, are they still there?
- Discussion on US 31 snow removal and possibly dump the snow at Smith & Potter, water well site.
- Discussion on food trucks, is mentioned in zoning and what would a charge for the trucks to park within the village be. Ross would like to see application fees higher than \$5

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeanne Walsh-Vision commented on her concern with the Municipal Playground Park Grant. Pickle ball courts recently were resurfaced but nothing was done with basketball hoops for neighborhood kids to play in a positive area. Kids should not be kicked off so pickle ballers can play. She would like to see lines for the basketball court. Comment from Farfsing; the park is not complete, new basketball hoops are purchased along with benches which will all be installed soon. Will look into having b-ball hoops turned and marking added.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

#### BUSINESS:

- Election
  - **Motion was made by Ross to approve Myrna Walter as Secretary, seconded by Beaver approved by all, motion carried.**

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Ross, Farfsing

No: None

Abstained: Walter

Absent: None

Farfsing read Attorneys explanation of member secretary and recording secretary appointed by council.

➤ Variance

- Chloe McGehee was present to ask Planning Commission for a variance so they could add a small storage shed to either the back of their building or on the side in between their building and the Mason's building. Discussion was held and Commissioners walked over to view the site. The is not the 10 feet allowance from building to property line. Storage building is one that is purchased at Menards, maybe secured in ground with posts. Tabled until September's meeting when she can get more information on the size of the storage unit, if the Mason's would allow this unit to go on to a part of their property.

**UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Redevelopment Ready Community program will be put on hold until December.
- Master Plan update:
  - Farfsing reviewed the Master Plan for updates. Every 5 years it needs to be updated.
    - Projects:
      - Blight – take off Village Ordinance & Village Zoning covers this
      - Update to Public Park Facilities – stays on
      - Streetscape – stays on
      - Skatepark – more research on this
      - Resurface Pickleball Courts – Manistee Community Foundation Grant- in the works
      - Affordable Sewer System Construction – in action, Two Lake Sewer Authority
      - Non-motorized Trails – take off, SMARTrails
      - Replace Aging Village Equipment – New pick-up and tractor needed
      - Stormwater Infrastructure – leave on
      - Village Boat Ramp/Launch – part of the Hopkins Park Improvement Vision, 4 stage
      - Office remodeling – leave on. Bathrooms need to be ADA, ADA parking
    - Action Plans update:
      - Blight – done
      - Street Scape
      - Non-motorized trails – take off
      - Hopkins Park public facilities
      - Replace aging Village equipment

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeanne Walsh-Vision asked where the Blight Ordinance is within the Zoning Ordinance. Clarification will be gotten from Manistee County Planning on the current Villages Blight Ordinance and the current Zoning Ordinance, will be given at the September meeting.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** Ross spoke of his concerns regarding the Municipal Playground Park and the pickle ballers use, non-tax payers using the courts. Neighborhood children playing basketball, no markings for basketball play. Neighborhood children being asked to leave so pickle ballers can play.

**Motion was made by Beaver to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ross, approved by all, motion carried.**

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Walter, Ross, Farfsing

No: None

Absent: None

Next meeting; Regular meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 6pm, Bear Lake Village Offices.

Adjourned at 7:31pm

Submitted by Cindi McPherson, Recording Secretary