

Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission

12376 Virginia St. Bear Lake, MI 49614

September 8, 2020

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Chairperson Farfsing.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Beaver (late arrival 6:05p), Evans, Farfsing, McPherson, Ross, Walter

Absent: None

Visitors: 1 guest was on conference line.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Evans to accept the agenda with addition, seconded by Ross, approved by all, motion carried

Yes: Evans, Ross, Walter, Farfsing

No: None

Absent: Beaver

Additions: Follow-up on golf carts, dirt bikes & Blight/Zoning Ordinance under Business at the end.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ross to approve the minutes from August 11 with correction, 2020 Regular Planning Commission Meeting seconded by Walter, approved by all, motion carried.

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Ross, Walter, Farfsing

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Correction: page 1, Public Comment: Spelling of Vission.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BUSINESS:

- Book Store Variance – add a shed for storage on the back of their building. Farfsing said she had heard nothing from Mrs. McGeehee. Discussion was held.

Motion was made by Ross to deny the storage shed, the property off set is not enough, seconded by Beaver, approved by all, motion carried.

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Ross, Walter, Farfsing

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

- Food Trucks – Discussion was held. Farfsing will design an application for Planning to review at October meeting. Pricing/fees were discussed and location of where trucks could park.
- Master Plan update:
 - Farfsing/McPherson will check with Manistee County Planning as to how the process of changes will happen.
- Follow up on: Golf carts, dirt bikes, ATV's on village street follow-up. Per Manistee County Planner, Rob Carson, the village did not pass an ORV ordinance, they are currently not allowed. Manistee County has ORV Use Allowance guidelines of where these ORV's can be ridden. Possibly a map and information on not riding ORV's in the village, can be put in the Bear Lake Vision Newsletter and/or water bills. Golf cart fall under the State of Michigan ruling of where they can be ridden.

- Follow up on: The Villages Blight Ordinance and the Villages Zoning Ordinance, Blight section. Per Manistee County Planner, Rob Carson, the village needs to have a stand-alone blight ordinance as it allows the village to prosecute cases through a codified process rather than a zoning violation process. Our Blight Ordinance is in the Zoning Ordinance also.
- Evans questioned why the whole wording of the Village Blight Ordinance was not in the Zoning Ordinance? Follow-up will be done.

UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSION COMMENT: Evans wanted to know what the planning members could be working on going forward? Check out the new DPW Building, almost finished.

Sidewalk repair per David Ross will get in Lake Shore Constructions que for this fall. Redo of US 31 though Bear Lake should take place in 3-5 years.

Evans spoke on Hopkins Park redo in stages over the next years.

Motion was made by Evans to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Walter, approved by all, motion carried.

Yes: Beaver, Evans, Walter, Ross, Farfsing

No: None

Absent: None

Next meeting; Regular meeting will be held on October 13, 2020 at 6pm, Bear Lake Village Offices.

Adjourned at 7:17pm

Submitted by Cindi McPherson, Recording Secretary