

**VILLAGE OF BEAR LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
12376 VIRGINIA STREET BEAR LAKE, MI
AUGUST 9, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Barb Farfsing at 6:13p.m., followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Members present: Barb Farfsing, John Virga, Char Myers

Absent: Jack Lynnes, Shelly Lynnes

Visitors present: Jeanne Walsh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion to accept the agenda for August 9, 2022 with the following changes: Roll Coll be changed to Roll Call, under Old Business "Survey Results" be deleted, Krista Fink shed, added under New Business: Building Utilization, Watershed Meeting report. Motion to approve the agenda with changes made by Myers. Seconded by Virga. Motion carried
Yes: Virga, Farfsing, Myers
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: J Lynnes, S Lynnes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion to accept the minutes as presented for July 12, 2022 was made by Virga. Seconded by Farfsing. Motion carried.
Yes: Virga, Farfsing, Myers
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: J Lynnes, S Lynnes

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- RRC: Farfsing provided handouts: Best Practice and Capital Improvement Plan
- Master Plan update: Farfsing provided a handout: a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan page from the current Village Master Plan.
- Discussion of Krista Fink's request resulted in Farfsing appointing Jack Lynnes to follow up with Mike Szcola, Manistee County Planning office, to implement the current Village Zoning Ordinance, Article 79, 7004-D.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building Utilization: I thought we discussed the BLAHS lease and that we do continued discussion of the Lion's Den. Jeanne explained the document she compiled regarding area Community Centers and how the Lion's Den would compare if used as a Community Center. Because the document is lengthy, copies we're not available, rather Planning Commission members have electronic access. She compared three current entities (Pleasant Valley Community Center in Arcadia, Maple Grove Community Center in Kaleva, and Pleasanton Township Hall). The comparisons showed that the only entity comparable is Pleasanton Township Hall, however, this building has a full kitchen that can be utilized while the Lion's Den does not.

- Blight Complaints: none
- Watershed Report: Virga attended the July 23, 2022 meeting. Some highlights of the meeting were: the recent testing for E-coli showed it's within the acceptable range; Hazard Waste drop off will be held at the Manistee County Road Commission building on 8-20-22, 9am-1pm; Dick Graham was re-elected as chair; the group is exploring the possibility of a grant through the Department of Agriculture; the group will be reaching out to others to encourage more collaboration.
- Community Centers report: Jeanne explained the document she compiled regarding area Community Centers and how the Lion's Den would compare if used as a Community Center. Because the document is lengthy, copies we're not available, rather Planning Commission members have electronic access. She compared three current entities (Pleasant Valley Community Center in Arcadia, Maple Grove Community Center in Kaleva, and Pleasanton Township Hall). The comparisons showed that the only entity comparable is Pleasanton Township Hall, however, this building has a full kitchen that can be utilized while the Lion's Den does not.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMISSION MEMBERS DISCUSSION: Questions about the Capital Improvement Projects the Village is planning were raised with discussion regarding the role of the Planning Commission in the process. Discussion will continue.

ADJOURNMENT: The motion to adjourn at 8:51p.m. was made by Myers. Seconded by Farfsing Motion carried.

Yes: Virga, Farfsing, Myers

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: J Lynnes, S Lynnes

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Myers