

Lake County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2013

Meeting held in Lake County Commissioners Room, Lake County Courthouse, 800 Tenth Street, Baldwin, Michigan.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON LINDA VAN DOLSEN AT 3:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Present, Don Arquette, Linda Vandolsen, Ernest Wogatzke, Gwen Warren, Ken Shoemaker, Patrick Johnson, Colleen Carrington.

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: Motion by Don Arquette to approve the minutes, seconded by Ernest Wogatzke, to approve the minutes with a minor grammatical correction. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Linda Van Dolsen reported that Norman Township (Manistee County) is updating it's 2008 master plan, and will be sending it to the Planning Commission for review.
- Linda Van Dolsen reported on receiving an email regarding the closing of Luther and Tustin elementary schools, and that they are seeking input for possible uses for the two buildings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair person Van Dolsen introduced the members of the Planning Commission to the public attendees and gave a brief description of what the charges for the commission were and what items have been worked on to date. The group was asked for input on the current project of working on the recreational plan.

There was discussion on the following items between the public attendees and the members of the planning commission.

- Webber Township Park.
 - 1) Need for a long range plan.
 - 2) Input from various attendees regarding possible uses.
 - 3) The Community assessment exercises carried out to update the County Plan highlighted that there is a desire among County residents to have more opportunities for children.
 - 4) Progress made by Webber Township and 4H on the property to date.
 - 5) Positive attendance at recent park event.
 - 6) Problem of transportation between the park and the population centers in the County, and possible ways of solving the issue.
 - 7) Trail systems proposed in and around the park property.
 - 8) Possible funding partners / sources to make the park a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

Continued work on the County Recreation Plan. Commission members were encouraged to attend the May 30th meeting of the Lake County Youth Committee, who has been responsible for building demolition at the Webber Township 4H property thus far.

ACTION ITEM:

Commission members are to email agenda items for next month's meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 3:00 PM in the Commissioners room at the Lake County Courthouse.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Arquette and seconded by Gwen Warren.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING 06 / 18/ 2013 AT 3 PM IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Johnson