

**Lake County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 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 Van Dolsen, Ernest Wogatzke, Patrick Johnson, Colleen Carrington.

ABSENT: Ken Shoemaker

EXCUSED ABSENT: Gwen Warren

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: Motion by Don Arquette to approve the minutes, seconded by Ernest Wogatzke, to approve the minutes with a spelling correction, and the addition of a list of items talked about for possible uses of the Webber Township / Lake County / 4H park which were discussed at the public meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The planning commission received a letter of intent by North Newkirk Township to create a Township Master Plan

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Ensley Township, Newaygo County Recreational plan was discussed as a possible model for the Lake County Recreational Plan.

The following points were noted:

1. The Ensley Plan is well suited to our needs because many aspects of Ensley Township match the circumstances found in Lake County.
2. The Ensley Township Recreational Plan was assisted in development by Ryan Coffey, MSU Extension.
3. The Ensley Plan appears to be well done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The direction of the Planning Commission was discussed with regard to developing the Lake County Recreational Plan.

- In past Planning Commission Meetings there has been discussion that it would be better received and potentially more successful to focus the plan on one or two major achievable items, such as the Webber Township / Lake County / 4H park.

- At the previous Planning Commission Meeting it was discovered that there has been a workgroup appointed by the Lake County Commissioners to work on the park project, and that their initial task was the demolition of the run down building, which has been accomplished.

After much discussion regarding the current direction of the Lake County Planning Commission regarding the Recreational Plan, a motion was made by Patrick Johnson to shift the focus of the plan from a recreational plan centered around the County Park Project to one that is centered around all of the recreational opportunities within the County, given the fact that the County Commissioners have already assigned a group to planning the Park Project. The motion was seconded by Colleen Carrington, and the motion was voted on and passed by a margin of 3 votes to 2.

Planning Commission members Linda Van Dolsen, and Don Arquette both resigned from their positions following the vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM.**

**NEXT MEETING 07 / 16/ 2013 AT 3 PM IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM.**