

Lake County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2013

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY INTERIM CHAIRPERSON COLLEEN CARRINGTON AT 3:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Present, Gwen Warren, Ken Shoemaker, Ernest Wogatzke, Patrick Johnson, Colleen Carrington, Ryan Coffey (Guest)

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES: Motion by Ernest Wogatzke, seconded by Gwen Warren to approve the minutes, with a correction on who seconded a motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

None. It is noted that the Lake County Board of Commissioners did receive the resignations of former planning commission members Linda Van Dolsen, and Don Arquette. A letter will be sent to those former members thanking them for their service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ryan Coffey of MSU Extension asked the planning commission about the status of the Lake County Youth committee with regard to the Webber Township Park Project. Ernest Wogatzke responded by saying that the committee is still working.

Ryan made some points regarding the current recreational plan project.

- It is important to be clear as to who owns the various properties listed in the Recreational Plan, and to maintain a clear understanding of who has the responsibility of making planning decisions for each property. i.e. (the DNR may have ultimate responsibility for many trail systems within Lake County, but those systems still have an important place in the County Recreational Plan.)
- It is important to take draft versions of the Recreational Plan to each of the Township for their comment *before* adopting the plan.
- We should revisit the SWAT exercises that were done in the process of completing the Lake County Master Plan. There may be valuable information in the results of those exercises which may help with the Recreational Plan.
- We shouldn't worry about the format of whatever model plan we use. We should first make the proper corrections and information additions and get all of the pieces in place, and then work on the format based on where potential funding sources may come from.

There was broad discussion between Ryan Coffey and the Planning Commission members about how grant's work, including the funding cycle, timeline for applying for next year's grants, and the various steps and procedures involved in applying successfully for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recruitment: Since we have lost two members recently, there was discussion about whether or not we need to recruit new members to fill those positions. It was decided to revisit past members to see if there was any interest. If nobody showed interest, we can amend the Planning Commission bylaws to operate under the current member format.

Future meeting schedule: There was discussion about the need for a work session to breakdown the previous Lake County Recreational Plan as opposed to a normal meeting. A motion was made by Gwen Warren, seconded by Ernest Wogatzke to replace the next regular meeting with a work session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. There was also discussion about whether or not a monthly meeting schedule needed to be maintained, and the group decided that if there was no business to attend to, there would be no meetings. Future meetings will be held on the schedule of the third Tuesday of each month as needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING 08 / 20/ 2013 AT 3 PM IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ROOM.