

# Blue Lake Township

Kalkaska County, Michigan

## Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

November 29, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Present - 7

- I. Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 PM – Southwell
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Southwell
- III. Roll Call of Members Present –
  1. Present – Allen, Bond, Buttermore, Fletemier, Southwell, Nothstine, Shaw
  2. Also Present - Shearer
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
  1. Motion to adopt agenda was made by Shaw, supported by Fletemier
    - Motion was carried.
- V. Minutes of last meeting
  1. Review of meeting dated October 25, 2022
    - Motion to adopt minutes as submitted by Shaw, supported by Bond
    - Motion was carried
- VI. Declaration of conflict of Interest
  - None
- VII. Public Comment
  1. None
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
  1. The township Board did not review the changes the Planning Commission submitted.
  2. Board is to take up the proposals at the December meeting.
- IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals Buttermore
  1. No meeting
- X. Old Business
  1. Short Term Rentals Ordinance Update from Attorney Visit – Fletemier / Buttermore / Nothstine
    - Buttermore and Nothstine were not able to attend the meeting with the Township attorney
    - Attorney recommends that Blue Lake Township implement a Noise Ordinance first, proposal supplied the Planning Commission.
    - Fletemier with review Noise Ordinance proposal and compare to Bear Lake for the future meeting.
    - Attorney also supplied a proposal for a Short Term Rental Ordinance.
    - Attorney recommends that the new Short Term Rental be implemented as a Police Power Ordinance upon approval.

- Planning Commission members to review the Short Term Rental Ordinance provided and review at the next meeting.
  - Live updates at the next meeting
  - Other area to confirm: Post lake hours, garbage pick up, other DNR and local regulations
- 2. 5 Year Plan – Continue to update
  - Chapter 3
    - Allen Provided update
    - Motion to accept Chapter 3 by Shaw, supported by Bond
    - Motion was carried.
  - Chapter 8
    - Shaw provided updates
    - Motion to accept as written by Shaw, supported by Allen
    - Motion was carried.
  - Chapter 7
    - Planning Commission reviewed Chapter 7 on screen
    - Motion to accept as updated by Shaw, supported by Allen
    - Motion was carried
- 3. Ordinance 3.08 Non-Conformities Sec 2-E
  - Comments – no comments
  - Motion to adopt as written by Fletemier, supported by Shaw.
  - Motions was carried.
- 4. Kennels – New Definition and Zoning Regulation
  - Modified as written
  - Nothstine to review Michigan State Law regarding kennel size limitations for the number of animals for future consideration.
  - Move to accept as modified by Buttermore, supported by Shaw.
  - Discussion none
  - Motion was carried.

## **XI. New Business**

- None

## **XII. Planning Commission Member Comments and Input**

### **1. None.**

### **2. Additional Public Comments**

- Cindy Andersen – Appreciates work on Short Term Rentals
- Estimates there are 10 on Starvation Lake
- Higgins / Houghton lakes are seeing an increase in Short Term Rental use.
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- Requests to
  - Move forward on a Blue Lake Township ordinance and not wait for the State.
  - Limit the number of owners.
  - Study how to restrict multiple family members under one manager.
  - Create separation
- Master Plan
  - Density – Do we want to limit density?

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**XIII. Confirm date of next Planning Commission Meeting;**

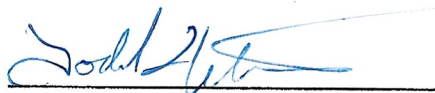
1. 2023 Schedule:

- Planning Commission will add one additional Saturday in the summer for 2023. Saturday meetings will be at 9:00 am – 11:00 am on June 17 and August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- All meetings are at the Township Hall at 7:00 PM unless noted.
- 2023 Schedule:
  - January 31
  - February 28
  - March 28
  - April 25
  - May 23
  - June 17 – 9 am
  - July 25
  - August 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am
  - September 26
  - October 24
  - November 28

**XIV. Adjournment**

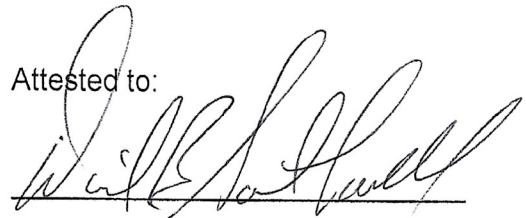
1. Motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM by Buttermore, Supported by Shaw.
  - Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Todd Fletemier, Secretary

Attested to:



Dave Southwell, Chairperson

***These minutes are not official until approved by the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.***