

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7771 Lake Street

Bear Lake, Michigan 49614

May 22, 2024

Special Meeting

Bear Lake Township Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Greg Hejl. Roll call was taken.

Planning commission members present: Janette May, Cindy Zatarga, Kathy Schafer, JR Bowling and Greg Hejl.

Public present: Jodie Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Greg St.Clair

Approval of the agenda: Motion by J. May, second by K. Schafer . Approved.

Minutes from our previous meeting on April 9, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve by K. Schaffer, second by J. May.

No correspondence.

New Business

Greg St. Claire is requesting to amend the Bear Lake Township Zoning Map. This proposed amendment pertains to the parcel located north of Watson Lake, which currently spans both the Agricultural District and the Resort Residential Zoning District. The amendment seeks to rezone the parcel entirely to the Agricultural District, a change that is consistent with Bear Lake Township's Future Land Use Map, as approved in 2014.

The parcel owner uses the property for agricultural purposes and has a need for a new Agricultural Accessory building. The most suitable location falls within the area currently zoned as Resort Residential. By rezoning the parcel entirely to the Agricultural District, we align the land use with its current agricultural use and uphold the Township's established goals.

JR Bowling made a motion to approve the map amendment requested and second by C. Zatarga.

JR Bowling, yes

G. Hejl, abstain

C. Zatarga, yes

K. Schafer, Yes

Motion carried.

K. Schafer has been in communication with Harry (JR) Wanner and David Hershberger in regards to some concerns about the Amish recognizing we are a zoned community and the compliance of that by them. D. Hershberger has agreed to mediate a meeting between the Amish and the Township. G.Hejl, J. Harthun, J. Lynch and Katie Miehl will represent the Township at the meeting.

Our next Planning Commission meeting will be our quarterly meeting on July 9, 2024.

There being no further new business there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm by K. Schafer and second by JR Bowling. Approved.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Zatarga".

Cindy Zatarga, Secretary
Bear Lake Township Planning Commission