

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7771 Lake Street

Bear Lake, Michigan 49614

April 9, 2024

Quarterly Meeting

Bear Lake Township Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Greg Hejl. Roll call was taken. Planning commission members present: Janette May, Cindy Zatarga, Kathy Schafer, JR Bowling and Greg Hejl.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the agenda: Motion by K. Schafer, second by JR Bowling. Approved. Minutes from our previous meeting on March 5, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve by K. Schaffer, second by J. May. Approved. Minutes from our previous meeting on March 12, 2024 were reviewed. Motion to approve by J. May and second by K. Schaffer. Approved.

No correspondence.

Old Business

K. Schaffer made a motion to remove the request by Jeff Swanson in regards to opening a retail office in front of his storage units from the table. Second by J. May. Approved.

J. Swanson reported he has one building near completion. He is awaiting an occupancy permit from the State of Michigan and is working on getting a contract written for the renters to sign. It is not yet ready for the public to rent space. This being the case K. Schaffer made a motion to put the request back on the table until the facility is totally ready for use by the public and all permits are in place. Second by J. May. Approved.

K. Schaffer made a motion to approve the proposed sign for the storage units. Second by JR Bowling. Approved. It will be placed on the existing base and be 4ft x 6ft. It will be lit .

New Business:

We held a public hearing to consider a zoning ordinance text amendment within Article 55: Multiple Use District to change minimum set backs, including all accessory buildings. This amendment is being brought forward to reduce the number of nonconforming structures existing in the Multiple Use District. We propose to the Township board to amend the front setback from 100 feet to 50 feet. Motion to approve by JR Bowling and second by K. Schaffer. Approved.

There is a concern that there are signs going up without a permit from either the Road Commission or the Township. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

There being no further new business there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm by JR Bowling and second by K. Schaffer. Approved.

Our next Bear Lake Planning Commission Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Bear Lake Township Board on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Respectively submitted,

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

**Cindy Zatarga, Secretary
Bear Lake Township Planning Commission**