

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Bud Vanbelzen

Roll Call: Present: Vanbelzen, Hawkey, Dore, McClintock, Howes

Absent: None Approval of Agenda: Motion: Hawkey 2nd: Howes

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes from 3/21/22 Minutes: Motion Howes 2nd: Vanbelzen Motion Carried

Communication:

Camp Courage: See attached handout with summary from Bryan Kolk, Zoning Administrator. Camp Courage has been sold. New owner wants to create a public campground on the site. The new owner is just beginning to work with the state of MI to address code issues. Currently the site is zoned RR-2 which does not allow campgrounds; however it is the Floodplain Overlay putting it in a waterfront corridor which does allow public and private campgrounds.

Junk Ordinance Committee Update: The committee will be working with Ryan Coffey to Review and strengthen the Junk Ordinance Policy. Committee is looking at the possibility of a Transfer Station, use of the Health Department and use of a lawyer to address clean-up from a legal perspective.

Planning Commission Chairperson: This will be Bud Vanbelzen's last meeting as Chairperson. Township Supervisor Janis Barnhard is taking letters of interest for membership on the Planning Commission until the 18th of April.

Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Brian Kolk-Mr. Kolk was not in attendance and submitted the attached Zoning Report of Activity for March 2022.

Newaygo County Commissioner: Brian Kolk

Township Representative: Bob Dore reported the township board has passed a budget, camera's have been installed at the township hall to monitor the ballot drop box, and a mail box has been set up at the hall for official use.

Work Session: n/a

Board Member Comments: n/a

Audience Comments: LuAnne shared that the Junk Ordinance could be improved by decreasing the allowable 3 years for clean-up of a property, increasing fines, and requiring someone to contact property owners if renters are allowing junk to accumulate. LuAnne stated she wanted the community to look like it used to. Audience members asked for the Zoning Ordinance for Keeping of Animals to be read.

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 7:38 PM: Hawkey 2nd: Vanbelzen
Motion Carried Respectfully Submitted by DeAnn McClintock,
Planning Commission Secretary