

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Burt Township Hall

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Jay Jontz on September 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Jay Jontz, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness. Absent Alan Kozlowski and Matt Landon

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Ken Lane of Beckett and Raeder, Jim Larson, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST : None

APPROVAL OF JULY 14 MINUTES: MOTION: To approve July 14 minutes by Gene Hodulik, supported by Janness .

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Township Board Representative – Hodulik

1. PIEG fifteen year contract with three 5 year extensions for use of the ROW utility poles to add high speed internet in Burt Township was signed.
2. The additional fire ½ mill for two years passed in August.
3. Traffic studies were completed on West and East Burt Lake Roads.
4. Another heavy rain caused erosion again on the east side near the Pasney curve/ fenced area.
5. The Straitsland Resorter will close on Nov 4 unless a buyer comes forward.
6. Birchwood Road was paved at the end of July

ZBA -Jontz

Shepler new home construction variances approved for a 2 feet extra height and 10% excess impermeable lot coverage at a special ZBA meeting August 4.

Peterson/Bindle road setback variance error corrected to build an accessory building on East Burt Lake Road at a special ZBA meeting August 12.

Next ZBA meeting is Sept 16 with one variance request.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-Larson

This is the second busiest year for permits in the last 10 years.

PLANNING CONSULTANT –Ken Lane of Beckett & Raeder

1. Ken introduced himself and his background involving planning with government organizations. Fern Spencer will also be involved with updating the Burt Township Rec Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

There is no update as to when Spectrum will begin installation on the west side.

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN: Gene Hodulik provided trail updates and a list of topics/page locations of the current Rec Plan for Fern Spencer of Beckett/Raeder to assist with the updating of the plan. The survey questions were discussed, new ones added for the trail (east side trail head, paving west side trail) and roadends. A postcard will be sent to all property owners with instructions to complete an online survey by the end of September. The Rec Plan updates need to be completed by October 1, reviewed during October by the planning commission, and the November 10 Planning Meeting will have public input and review at 6:45 prior to the regular planning meeting. The Rec Plan needs to be approved by the Township Board by February 1, 2023.

FIRE PIT ORDINANCE: Discussion of the Fire Pit Ordinance (section 6.04.3 Additional Permitted Accessory Structures), involved changes in the description for non-waterfront and waterfront fire pits which Ken Lane will update and again present at the next planning meeting.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES: After discussions, definitions of Dwelling Unit, Impervious Surface, and Shed were improved. All the tables of Section 3.02.3 were reviewed and minor changes made regarding maximum lot coverage, accessory building square footage, and setbacks. These will be inserted by Ken Lane and reviewed at the next planning meeting .

NEW BUSINESS: None

BRAINSTORM: Fly swatter for the Township Hall. Provide a metal cart for the west side transfer station to be available when not open so people can haul their garbage to a dumpster .

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS: Problem with a cart is how long would it be there before disappearing? Is the person using the cart strong enough to lift the lid on the dumpster to put the garbage in it?

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Gene Hodulik,, support by Paul Janness. Meeting adjourned at 8:31.
p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary