

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

November 10, 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, Allen Kozlowski, and Matt Landon

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Ken Lane of Beckett and Raeder, Harold Koviak, Cory Babcock, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST : None

APPROVAL OF September 8, 2022 MINUTES: MOTION: To approve September 8 minutes by Landon, supported by Hodulik

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Township Board Representative – Hodulik

1. A 5 year recycling contract has been made with no change in cost, with the cost reflected on the tax bill.
2. Road maintenance will be a priority in 2023. Both dump roads will be crack sealed, then tarred & chipped, followed by application of a sealer. Indian Point Road's ranking two years ago was a "9" but has fallen to a "2", and there will be another meeting with Matt Hall, County Road Commission Manager before action on the road is taken.
3. There is a new township website, www.burttownshipcheboygan.gov
4. There is also a new township accounting system. Kosanke is finishing up the audit.
5. Trail washouts have been repaired by Mike Spierling.
6. Wednesday, there was a meeting with MDOT on how to get paved shoulders on Topinabee Mail Route and to use signs for bikers and pedestrians on crossing the bridge over I-75.

ZBA -Jontz

A variance for Jonathan Scheel, 9662 Brutus Road, Brutus, MI 4971 for a second accessory building was denied because the lot is too small for a second building, property lines are unmarked, and setbacks are not within zoning restrictions.

OLD BUSINESS:

High Speed Internet

Allen Kozlowski was able to speak with the regional manager of Spectrum and was told that it will be installed next spring/summer on West Burt Lake Road and the surrounding area.

PLANNING CONSULTANT –Ken Lane of Beckett & Raeder

Discussion regarding the definition and ordinance for fire pits and surround area led to motion by Kozlowski and supported by Hodulik to approve as written.

MOTION APPROVED

Discussion of accessory building district tables resulted in a motion by Hodulik and supported by Landon to accept as written except for the change in the conservation district to require 40 acres for an accessory building.

PARKS & RECREATION PLAN draft was edited and modified page by page led by Ken Lane and Gene Hodulik. Some financial data, revised maps, and photos still need to be inserted. Ken Lane will be working with Fern Spence to complete the plan by Tuesday, November 15. Lane & Spence will publish the public hearing announcement in the Petoskey News Review and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune.

The Public Hearing will be Thursday, December 15 at 6:45 p.m. for fire pits, accessory buildings, and the Recreation Plan with the Planning Commission meeting to directly follow.

MOTION made by Janness and supported by Kozlowski for a public hearing on December 15, 2022, at 6:45 p.m. for public input to the proposed Parks & Recreation plan and revised ordinances for fire pits and surround and accessory building zoning district tables with the Planning Commission meeting to follow.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS – None

BRAINSTORM – None

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A park & pavilion at the township hall was suggested

NEXT MEETING – January, 2023 – date yet to be determined

MOTION TO ADJOURN – made by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik & adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Hodulik

Recording Secretary

