

**MINUTES OF
BURT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
October 15, 2012**

The Burt Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ann Baughman on October 15, 2012, at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Members present: Ann Baughman (Vice Chair), Matt Landon, Bob Babcock and Gene Hodulik.
Members absent: Gary Street

Also attending: Mary Campbell and Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Notice of the Meeting

Notice of the meeting was posted on the Burt Township website and was published in the Straitsland Resorter on September 27, 2012.

Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2012

Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Bob Babcock to approve the Planning Commission minutes of August 20, 2012, as published.

Motion unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Old Business

Attorney Fee Recovery Amendment

Ann Baughman said that on April 16, 2012, the Planning Commission presented a draft of the Attorney Fee Recovery Amendment to the Burt Township Board. Gary Street reviewed the amendment with the Burt Township Board on September 6, 2012. The purpose of the review was to introduce the Board to the amendment, and answer any questions they might have before going forward with the formal approval process. No action was taken by the Board at that meeting. A Public Hearing on the amendment will be held on November 26, 2012.

Dangerous Buildings and Facilities

The Dangerous Building and Facilities Ordinance was adopted by the Burt Township Board on September 6, 2012.

New Business

Temporary Storage Structures

Ann Baughman said there are questions of the legality of temporary storage structures being allowed and if they are considered a structure. Mary Campbell said the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance defines the words "Accessory Structure" and the word "Structure" and Section 6.04.3 of the ordinance applies to structures greater than 200 feet. In Mary's opinion, based on these definitions and Section 6.04 of the ordinance, temporary or portable structures are regulated by

the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance. Mary said the township has two options: (1) if the township does not want to regulate temporary or portable structures, the zoning ordinance should be modified to exempt temporary or portable structures, or (2) enforce the zoning ordinance and notify the public that temporary or portable structures are regulated and enforcement of the ordinance will begin.

Motion

Moved by Gene Hodulik and seconded by Bob Babcock that portable and temporary carport type structures should be considered accessory structures.

Motion unanimously approved.

Updating Recreation Plan

Mary Campbell distributed to the board copies of a first draft of a recreation plan. (Copy attached and made a part of these minutes). The board members discussed proposed changes to the first draft. Mary Campbell will make changes based on comments by board members for public hearing tentatively scheduled for November 26, 2012.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Next Meeting

November 26, 2012, at 7 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Gene Hodulik to adjourn.

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary