

**BURT TOWNSHIP**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
**July 18, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Chris Kindsvatter on July 18, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Members present: Chris Kindsvatter, Gene Hodulik, Matt Landon, David Hutto, Paul Janness  
Absent: None

Also attending: Jim Larson, Randy Frykberg, Harold Koviak, Katie Parker, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary/Clerk

Chair Chris Kindsvatter led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda - Kindsvatter**

**MOTION:** Moved by Landon, supported by Hutto to approve the Draft Agenda with the following additions under New business: Lilac Lane, White Goose Dr.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Dave Hutto noted that Green Lawn Spraying has been fertilizing in the 25' greenbelt area. Larson will send them a letter reminding them of the green belt restriction.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none**

**Minutes – Public Hearing - May 16, 2016**

**MOTION:** Moved by Landon, supported by Hutto to approve minutes of the Public Hearing on May 16, 2016 as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

It was noted that guidelines on non-pervious surfaces as passed and in section 6.04.3 (3) under (B) (2) (d) need to be defined as material that is spaced for drainage may be used.

**MOTION:** Moved by Landon, supported by Hutto to approve the Planning Commission minutes of May 16, 2016 with the following correction:

Realtor Signs - Kindsvatter

An increase in the number of realtor signs in the road right-of-way has been observed. A copy of the ordinance requirements has been sent ~~out~~ to them.

**MOTION APPROVED**

ZBA Update –Kindsvatter

Two dimensional variances were approved at the ZBA meeting on May 20, 2016 and one that was partially approved with continuation of that variance on a garage is on the agenda for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> ZBA meeting.

Township Board Update – Hodulik

- The board approved partnering with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in the Burt Lake Watershed Plan.
- The board approved the three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission.
- Spring Clean Up Day was a success
- Mike English reported on the Mullett Township fire department services to Burt Township

## **Old Business**

### Septic and Water Quality –Hutto

Grenetta Thomassy, Abbie Hawley, Dave Patterson, Kinsvatter and Hutto met and discussed issues but are waiting for Abbie to get data from the county. She will then do a final report and the committee will then meet with Chris Brown and realtors to come to a consensus before going forward with septic inspections at time of transfer. This will be a long process but is progressing well. Burt Township will be a pilot program for the county and is structured so as not to be an imposing task if they do it for the whole county.

The report will be done next month.

### Vegetation Strip - Kindsvatter

Grenetta Thomassy and Kindsvatter discussed the education component brought up at the last meeting. She will give details also on Huron Pines, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and landowners regarding the possibility of each organization paying one-third towards funding green belt vegetation strips. Hodulik suggested asking a Tip of the Mitt member to interpret the vegetation strip requirements. Larson said this is more of a common sense issue but is limited in the ordinance.

Further discussion on this will be tabled to the next meeting.

### Irregular Shaped Lots –Kindsvatter

Randy Frykberg presented a rewrite proposal which the Planning Commission felt was reasonable and this issue would be saved for other future proposed ordinance public hearings.

## **New Business**

### Lot 11 Lilac Lane –Patrick Bell – Owner - Larson

Larson received a phone call on Saturday that someone had brought in equipment and stripped one of the old Weatherhead lots. Larson took photos of the property.

Larson said they took away equipment and put in a retaining wall and adding a silk mesh fence today. The DEQ was notified but appeared disinterested since it was above the high water mark.

Larson will post a stop work order for the Weatherhead lot and have it served at residence.

An additional component is needed in the ordinance to cover for these situations.

### White Goose - Larson

Brian Fulford made site plan for Mr. Thoms – but nothing of substance. Lindroth said these lots cannot be combined as they are in different sections. Larson said the driveway and part of the garage are on lot 2 which is part of same lot so the lot coverage is okay.

**PC Comments** – None

**Public Comments**

Frykberg distributed the new amendments for members' ordinances books. He will get same to Chris Nye for corrections to the website zoning.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Landon to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Secretary/Clerk