

## MINUTES OF BURT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

September 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chris Kindsvatter (Chair) on September 15, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Members present: Chris Kindsvatter (Chair), Gene Hodulik and Matt Landon. Members absent: Bob Babcock and David Hutto. Also attending: Mary Campbell, Jim Larson and Joyce Hutto-Nolan (Recording Secretary).

Approval of Agenda Moved by Gene Hodulik and seconded by Matt Landon to approve the meeting agenda.

Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2014 Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Gene Hodulik to approve the July 21, 2014, planning commission minutes as written.

Public Comment No Public Comment.

### Old Business

Signage Definition Mary Campbell presented the draft of proposed changes discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on July 21, 2014, concerning Burt Township Sign Ordinance Section 6.14 involving sign area and height. Planning Commission members discussed and preliminarily approved the proposed changes which will be forwarded to and reviewed by the Burt Township Board. Motion Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Gene Hodulik to preliminarily approve the attached proposed amendments to the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.14, Signs and Billboards, which will be sent to the Burt Township Board for review, which will then be further reviewed by the Burt Township Planning Commission at a public hearing. Motion unanimously approved. Page 2 of 3 Accessory Buildings and Structures Mary Campbell presented the proposed changes discussed at the planning commission meeting on July 21, 2014, concerning Burt Township Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Section 6.04, subsections 1 and 2; Section 6.04.1 and Section 6.04.2, subsection 1, all involving Accessory Buildings and Structures. Planning commission members discussed and preliminarily approved the changes which will be forwarded to and reviewed by the Burt Township Board.

Motion Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Gene Hodulik to preliminarily approve the attached proposed amendments to Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.04 Accessory Buildings and Structures, which will be sent to the Burt Township Board for review, which will then be further reviewed by the Burt Township Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Motion unanimously approved.

### Master Plan Update

Mary Campbell presented the draft of Burt Township Master Plan 2014 Update. Board members discussed and preliminarily approved the 2014 update draft. Motion Moved by Matt Landon and seconded by Gene Hodulik to recommend the Burt Township Master Plan 2014 Update to the Burt Township Board, to request authorization to distribute it to the adjacent townships and counties for comment, and then for further review by the Burt Township Planning Commission at a public hearing, all

as required by state statute. Gene Hodulik said he attended a class on hot topics for planning commissions and zoning. Gene said the hot topics were wind damage, mining, medical marijuana, and the Right to Farm Act. New Business Pole Barn Living Quarters Planning commission members discussed whether part of a pole barn should be used for living quarters. Jim Larson will ask Cheboygan County how it deals with this subject. Mary Campbell will also look into how other township ordinances handle this matter. This subject will be placed on the agenda at a future planning commission meeting. Fire Pits Planning commission members discussed an increase in the maximum area of a fire pit from nine (9) square feet to fourteen (14) square feet, Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.04.3, subsection 3. Motion Moved by Gene Hodulik and seconded by Matt Landon to preliminarily approve an increase in the maximum area of a fire pit from nine (9) square feet to fourteen (14) square feet as a proposed amendment to Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.04.3, subsection 3, which will be sent to the Burt Township Board for review, which will then be further reviewed by the Burt Township Planning Commission at a public hearing. Motion unanimously approved. Page 3 of 3 Deer Fencing and Fence Height Limitations Planning commission members discussed restrictions concerning deer and snow fences. Mary Campbell will prepare a draft amendment to the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance concerning this subject. Tent Garages Planning commission members discussed tent garages as an accessory structure. Private Lake Access License Planning commission members discussed private lake access licenses. There is a concern about the definition of the requirements and what is enforceable. Jim Larson said a written base line is needed.

Next Meeting The next planning commission meeting will be November 17, 2014, at 7 p.m.

Public Comment - No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn

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

Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Joyce Hutto-Nolan, Recording Secretary