

BURT TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Minutes
March 13, 2017

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Chris Kindsvatter on March 13, 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Members present: Chris Kindsvatter, Gene Hodulik, Matt Landon, Paul Janness, Jay Jontz

Also attending: Chris Brown, Dave Hutto, Harold Koviak, Donna McDougall, Recording Secretary/Clerk

Chair Kindsvatter led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda - Kindsvatter
Remove: Granetta Thomassey

Declaration of Conflict of Interest – none

Minutes – January 16, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Landon, supported by Janness to approve the minutes as published.

APPROVED

Public Comment – None

Report of Board Representative to Planning Commission – Hodulik

The board discussed the proposed 2017-2018 budget at the March meeting.

Report of ZBA Representative to Planning Commission - Kindsvatter

Four site inspections for April 21st ZBA meeting including the PA Miller subdivision private lake access site request.

Old Business

- Update on Septic and Water Quality - Kindsvatter
Granetta Thomassy was unable to attend the meeting. Kindsvatter and Hutto met with her and she sent copies of the county septic report which is also on the Watershed Council's website. The plan is to structure a pilot program (ordinance) that would include having inspections done at time of transfer. This will be the first in Cheboygan County. There were only 23 title transfers on all of Burt Lake last year so inspections would not create a great deal of additional work. Kindsvatter suggested the ordinance should include a sunset clause in case it wasn't working or a renewal clause if the ordinance does work well. Also, the inspection fee could be part of the real estate deal.
- **Vegetation Strip Proposed Ordinance** – Kindsvatter
No response from MacArthur. This will be tabled to the next meeting.

- Lake Property Rentals – Kindsvatter
Last week's Cheboygan Planning Commission was canceled. At the previous meeting the committee submitted a lengthy (5 pages) proposal. The commissioners' wanted it short and easy so it is being rewritten.
Jontz referred to Section 6 (page 6) (Guest houses) of the ordinance whereas the guest house may not be rented separately from the house. Jontz said the intent of the ordinance in this section is that rentals are allowed in Burt Township and the entire property must be rented as one unit.
- Burt Township Sign Ordinance – Hodulik
The subcommittee has not done anything yet on this. Chris Brown said the county is working on this. Tabled to next meeting.
- Update on Planning Consultant – Kindsvatter
RFP's were sent out to two firms: Beckett & Rider and Fleis & Vandenbrink. They are to reply by April 15. Hodulik, Kindsvatter, Larson and Koviak are subcommittee members.

New Business

Hodulik reminded the commission that the Recreation Plan must be updated this year.

Report of Zoning Administration – (Larson Absent)

Planning Commission Comments – None

Public Comments – None

MOTION: Moved by Jontz, supported by Landon to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:56

Next meeting: May 15, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Secretary/Clerk