

Joyfield Township Planning Commission Minutes

August 26, 2014

1. Call to Order @7:30pm.
2. Roll call - all present
3. M. Evans made a motion to approve the agenda, Krueger second, motion carried.
4. Public participation for agenda items - heard.
5. Minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting were read. Wood made a motion to approve the minutes, Krueger second, motion carried.
6. Benzie County Planning Commission Update. Susan Zenker explained that the BCPC was working to update their Master Plan in coordination with NWMCOG (Northwest Michigan Council of Governments) and the Parks and Recreation group of Benzie County.
7. Unfinished business
 1. Allowable uses in the Rural & Commercial districts. The commission talked about the need to spend time reviewing neighboring ordinances and see what is liked or not. Tamara from Beckett & Raeder suggested that the PC review Arcadia and Pleasanton township because of the similar agriculture districts. Other communities to review may be Antrim County or other surrounding counties. Beckett & Raeder is working on writing four model ordinances and these models may help us with this decision or at least give us some resources.
7. New Business
 1. Lakes to Land Update - Betsy gave this update on the progress of Lakes to Land. First, a zoning ordinance Audit is being conducted and once this is finished funding will be sought for new ordinance. Secondly, all communities except Arcadia have adopted a Master Plan. Third, Rob Carson presented about Manistee's Recreation Plan which does include some L2L communities. This plan will include some very detailed online maps. Finally, a variety of MSU extension classes will be offered in the area in September and October. Topics will include zoning ordinances, blight and a Place Making workshop.
8. Public participation for non-agenda items - heard.
9. Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm, M. Evans second, motion carried.

Public Input Policy

Purpose: The Joyfield Township Planning Commission is an administrative body of the Joyfield Township government and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the township and reserves two opportunities during the scheduled meetings for you, the public, to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are, however, in concert with meeting conduct, certain rules to follow.

Speaking Time: Agenda items may be added or removed by the planning commission but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Input. All speakers are asked to provide their name, residence and topic they wish to address. Speakers are asked to hold their presentation to a maximum of three minutes.

Board Response: Generally, as this is an “input” option, the planning commission will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the planning commission should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement. However, should the planning commissioners individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s), at the approval of the Chair, responses may be made.