

Lake County Planning Commission
Minutes
August 19, 2014

- 1) Meeting Called to order at 3:09
- 2) Joel Poynter gave invocation
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Roll Call

Present: Joel Poynter, Seth Hopkins, Ernie Wogatzke, Kenneth Shoemaker, Gwen Warren arrived at 3:19

Absent: Don Arquette, Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins

- 5) Minutes from July 15, 2014 – Motion to approve by Seth Hopkins, 2nd by Joel Poynter, motion carries
- 6) Commission Member Reports

Ernie Wogatzke gave an update on the Webber Park project. There will be a dedication and community picnic to celebrate the completion of handicapped trail. The trail is approximately just under a half mile. The event will be Saturday, September 20, 2014.

Seth Hopkins talked about how he has been attending the County Economic Committee meeting with Commissioner Stenger. This portion of the committee has been working on a County economic plan. Tourism and recreation is a major component of this plan. Seth Hopkins stated at the economic planning meeting that the Planning Commission was finalizing the County Recreation Plan and that the economic committee needs incorporate the Recreation Plan into their economic plan.

Joel Poynter suggested that we pursue a State Park on Syers Lake or duplicate a state park. Syers Lake is in Northeast part of Peacock Township and Southeast part of Eden. The northern end of the Lake is surrounded by State Forest. General discussion ensued about what a park might consist of (i.e. campgrounds, boat launch, picnic area).

- 7) No New Business. However there was discussion on what might be a “future plan” for the Commission or what projects the County Commissioners might want the Planning Commission to work on.
- 8) Continuing Business-Finalizing the Recreation Plan- Final changes at time of this meeting were submitted to Ryan Coffey, MSU Extension and the Commission was waiting to hear if changes were made.
- 9) No Correspondence
- 10) No persons were scheduled to address Planning Commission
- 11) No Citizen Comments
- 12) General Discussion- Webber Township is re-doing zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission will probably have to review the new ordinance when it is completed. General discussion ensued on what might be reviewable. Discussion ensued on implementation of recreation plans and how to work with the County Commissioners to make the plan a “workable” document. Out of discussion a motion was made by Gwen Warren to notify County Commissioners of the Recreation Plan completion and intent to execute the plan. 2nd by Joel Poynter. Finally discussion ensued about on rental property and rental registration that Ernie Wogatzke was working on creating for the County. This registration would help eliminate poor and inadequate rental housing and “slum lords”.
- 13) Adjournment: 4:00 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Seth Hopkins, Secretary