

BAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022
Bay Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Skornia (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, in attendance were: Joe Jones (Secretary), Nancy Blandford (ZBA Rep), Barb Mathes-Alguire (PC Vice-Chair and Parks and Rec Rep), Steve Van Dam (Board of Trustees Rep) and Jamie Shepherd. Also present: Ron Van Zee (Zoning Administrator), Kristin Baranski (Recording Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA AND

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY Mathes-Alguire, seconded by Shepherd, to approve the amended September 6, 2022 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and the presented October 4, 2022 agenda passed upon unanimous affirmation vote of the Board Members.

Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Mathes-Alguire, Shepherd, Jones, Van Dam

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments opened and closed at 7:11 pm with no comment on non-agenda items.

LAKE CHARLEVOIX ASSOCIATION/TIP OF THE MITT/LIAA PRESENTATION

The Planning Commission shared individual thoughts on the September presentation by Barry Hicks (LIAA), Tom Darnton- (Lake Charlevoix Association), Barry Hicks (LIAA) and Jennifer McKay (Tip of the Mitt).

- ✓ High Water/ Shorelines
- ✓ EGLE permits for shoreline hardening emailed to clerks
- ✓ Suggestion for County maps overlay that shows OHWM
- ✓ Agencies coming together for collaborative effort to protect lakes; EGLE needs to include on application local township specific restoration plan

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EGLE (MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY)
PRESENTATION BY ERIN EMINGTON

- ✓ Part 301 Inland Lakes and Stream Regulations (Excavation or Fill) at or below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)
- ✓ Walloon legal lake level is set at an elevation per EGLE
- ✓ Lake Charlevoix OHWM previously was regulated as Lake Michigan but now will be written as where water regularly meets land (persists through successive changes in water level/character of the land is distinctly marked)
- ✓ Part 303 Wetland Protection- permit required for dredging, filling, maintaining a use or development or construction in regulated wetlands
- ✓ Lakes can be regulated as lake as well as wetlands (lily pads within a lake)
- ✓ Criteria for determining wetland: Hydrology, Soils, Vegetation
 - 5 acres or larger in size
 - Connected to a lake, stream or pond
 - Located within 500 ft of lake, stream or pond
 - Located within 1000 ft of a Great Lake
- ✓ More information at www.michigan.gov/wetlands
- ✓ EGLE Services
 - Wetland Identification Program
 - Pre-Application Meeting
 - Permit Review (Public Trust, Riparian Rights, Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, Aesthetics, Local Government, Environment)
- ✓ 3 Tiered Permitting
 - Exempt Activities (zero cost)
 - General Permits (\$50)
 - Minor Permits (\$100)
 - Bioengineering for inland lakes (low energy vs high energy sites)
 - Fish and Wildlife habitat structures
 - Replacement of existing seawalls
 - Riprap shoreline protection
 - Public Notice Projects (\$500-\$2000)

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ARTICLE 17 BRI LANGUAGE REVIEW

Review of Article 17 moved to the November meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Van Zee presented an oral report.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Blandford reported a meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 for training.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

SET NOVEMBER MEETING DATE (NOVEMBER 1, 2022) AND SET PUBLIC HEARING (SPECIAL USE PERMIT)

MOTION by Blandford, seconded by Jones, to set the November meeting date for November 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm, passed upon unanimous affirmative vote of the Board Members.

Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Jones, Mathes-Alguire, Van Dam, Shepherd

Nays: None

MOTION by Van Dam, seconded by Jones, to set a Public Hearing for November 1, 2022 for Blandford to construct a 40' x 60' storage building without a principal structure, passed upon unanimous affirmative vote of the Board Members.

Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Jones, Mathes-Alguire, Van Dam, Shepherd

Nays: None

OTHER CORRESPONDANCES

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments opened and closed at 9:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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**MOTION by Blandford, seconded by Van Dam, to adjourn at 9:19 pm,
passed upon unanimous affirmative vote of the Board Members.**

Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Jones, Mathes-Alguire, Van Dam, Shepherd

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Baranski
Recording Secretary