

**Burt Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
Unapproved Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2019**

Commission Attendance: *Phil Bontrager, Leslie Davis, Heather Dobberstein, Craig Winnie*

Meeting called to order by acting Chairperson Winnie at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda with time change.

The commission agreed to a new standard meeting time of one hour and to switch meetings to the third Wednesday of the month.

Meeting minutes approved for July 10, 2019.

The commission discussed minimizing zoning districts. Phil and Leslie are working on excel file to find overlapping zoning...

Motion: *Have CUPPAD come to speak with planning commission on master plan/ zoning ordinance.* Heather said she would get this set up.

The commission is wondering if Tom Kladzyk still wants to participate in meetings, as he's not been active. Also curious if Norm Geiger, zoning administrator will start attending meetings? Heather mentioned she would ask the supervisor to look into the issue.

Addressing community concern regarding ATVs - Phil suggested we look to Munising/Newberry/Paradise to what they do regarding ATVs.

- One way route possibility?
- How to enforce?
- How to keep quiet?
- What about small communities outside of Michigan?

Update on Short term rentals - It was suggested the township send a notice to every homeowner, not just known rentals.

- If not compliant charge \$500 to owners taxes.
- Get everything in place by January 1st, give until June 1st to comply.

Brief discussion on Marijuana in Burt Township. Phil suggested it is better to be proactive rather than reactive. It was agreed that having a plan in place would better position the township when not if this becomes a thing. Leslie mentioned doing further research on the topic.

Rec Plan discussions – Bike trail grants for the school forest? Fat tire trail? Can we get a trail system in place? Can we make the school forest a quiet area? Dark sky area?

David Kronk-Ecotourism, come speak to planning commission. When? Heather said she would set this up.

Briefly discussed trailers in the township – agreed to table and discuss at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting September 18, 2019 @ 5PM | Burt Township Community Center