

BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP'
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

December 3, 2018

Call to order: Mark Felton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Lenore Senter, Mark Felton, Mike Skop, Laurie Hodack, and Marie Kelenske
Absent: None

Also present: Zoning Administrator/Supervisor Sue Hobbs and David Matelski, Jerry Hawes, and Amelia Krell

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Felton to approve the November 2018 minutes as written seconded by Skop. Motion carried

Zoning Administrator report: Hobbs reported the Trail Committee and Mdot said the bids for construction needs to be in by April 1st. One issue needs to be resolved that is between the Boyne Mountain Airport and Boyne River they call as wet land and a board walk needs to be constructed at a cost of \$300 Thousand dollars.

New Business:

Jerry Hawes informed the commission of a problem with a neighbor that has less than a half of an acre of land they have five (5) cattle, eight (8) pigs and a chicken coop attached to the side of the house. The smell this summer was bad and is getting worse. This property is zoned R-1 not RR-1. No farm animals are allowed in this area. Hobbs will issue a certified letter to the home owner and person renting the property. If no response is received on removing the animals then a ticket will be issued. Need to enforce the zoning ordinance on this issue. The home owner has constructed buildings and a fence that has tarps around it, so the neighbors can't see what is going on.

Old Business:

Dave Matelski sent an e-mail to individuals that have solar panels. He has received word from others that they have not had a problem with Cypress Creek.

Skop reported that Coveou Farms on 131 has solar panels and there a more coming up in the area. The first thing that the Planning commission has to do is write an ordinance to allow or not allow solar panels in the township. A farm on Denise road could be a place to have solar panel farm only if they have a way to sell the electricity that it produces. Great Lakes Energy will not buy electricity produced by the solar, they have their own on their property on M-75 S.

Need to get solar ordinances from other townships to look at and do one for our township as a first step before we consider allowing Matelski's to build a solar farm. Dave suggested that Cat with Cypress Creek will help write an ordinance. Skop said that the solar panel will be popping up all over and we need to be ready for this. Need to contact MTA on how they suggest handling the new trend.

Storage building are getting out of hand in the township need to limit number of buildings in area. Also, need to enforce planting of trees at Lewin's storage buildings on Deer Lake Rd.

Motion by Felton second by Senter to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie Kelenske, Secretary