

Village of Lake Isabella
Planning Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting September 9, 2008

1010 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

Planning Commission Chairman Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Kenney, LaPointe, Gloden, Grey, Boyd, and Dunham

Members Absent: Kerr

The agenda was accepted as presented without objection.

The minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting were accepted as presented without objection.

Reports were given by the Village Manager and Chairman.

Public Comments

- Larry Hiither of Queens Way, and LIPOA President: Thanked the Planning Commission and Village for working with the LIPOA on land use and development issues. He requested that the Village adopt a moratorium on fencing while the Fence Committee continues its work. He cited the recent action by the Village to approve a fence permit on Queens Way that the LIPOA denied.
- Garl Perleberg of Cantabrian Drive: Commented that when he talks to people in his district (Lake Isabella North) they think things are going well, but would like to see brush better maintained along the roads, new street signs in their plat, and a light at the end of Cantabrian at Termino Park.

Dunham asked if there was objection to adding “Fencing Moratorium” under New Business #2. The item was added to the agenda without objection.

Existing Business

1. Recreation Paths and Trails Committee

The Planning Commission reviewed the staff report about forming a committee to develop a master plan and proposal for paths and trails in the Village. At the request of the Chair, the committee was created without objection.

Dunham appointed LaPointe and Gloden to serve on the Committee. LIPOA members Laraway and Grisdale were also appointed. The remaining three positions will be posted by interested community members at the October meeting.

2. Master Greenery Plan

The Planning Commission reviewed the staff report on developing a Master Plan for Greenery in the Village and the Tree City USA designation.

New Business

1. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by Kenney, to nominate Bill Dunham for Chairman.

A motion was made by LaPointe, which was seconded by Gloden, to nominate Roger Kerr for Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by LaPointe, to nominate Ardith Gloden for Secretary.

A motion was made by Boyd, which was seconded by LaPointe to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominated officers. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Fencing Moratorium

There was lengthy discussion over the request to place a moratorium on fencing while the Fence Committee continues its work. There was debate over the period of time to request, manner in which to handle appeals during the moratorium, what districts to include, what types of fences to include, and whether the issue presented a serious concern which warranted a moratorium.

A motion was made by Grey, which was seconded by LaPointe, to request the Village Council enact the following moratorium:

That for a period of time not to exceed one year from the date of enactment of this resolution, or until such time as the Village of Lake Isabella has adopted new regulations pertaining to fencing, a moratorium is hereby in place for the erecting of all new permanent above ground fences (picket, cyclone, privacy, and split-rail as defined in Chapter 1222 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Lake Isabella) in all residentially zoned districts of the Village of Lake Isabella unless otherwise required by state law or local ordinance.

Furthermore, the Village of Lake Isabella hereby recognizes that special and unique circumstances, such as a medical condition, may arise which warrant the erecting of a permanent fence during this moratorium period. In such cases, a request may be presented in writing to the Planning Commission to erect a fence under such special and unique circumstances. The Planning Commission shall act in an administrative capacity, and may approve or deny the request. Prior to considering the request, the Planning Commission shall cause notice to be given to all property owners within 300 feet of the property where the fence is requested no less than 15 days from the date of consideration. The action of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals in the manner allowed by the zoning ordinance.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments:

- None

With no further business the Planning Commission adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Jeffrey P. Grey
 Village Clerk X _____