

Village of Lake Isabella

Village Council Minutes

Work Session – May 12, 2010

1010 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Village President David Torgerson and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Pattison, Lacca, Grey, Kiel, Griffin, Miller, and Torgerson

Members Absent: None

Public Comments

- None

Business

The Village Council met to review the results of the Master Plan survey. The Council discussed numerous aspects of the survey and what projects to realistically address for in the Master Plan. The Council members ranked the projects that they individually feel should be pursued. The results of those rankings were:

1. Expanding code enforcement by developing a neighborhood watch program and watching seasonal homes.
2. Developing a yard waste collection and composting program.
3. Developing walking and biking paths.
4. Developing a community/senior center.
5. Developing a street tree planting program.
6. Creating a part-time police department.
7. Developing a deer herd management plan.
8. Lake and river dredging.
9. Trash collection franchise and service agreement.
10. Cemetery.

The Council also discussed parks and recreation. Wolff discussed forming a partnership with the LIPOA to develop a long-range plan for the community, which may or may not involve the Village developing certain recreational facilities. Specifically Wolff discussed the Village's ability to acquire grants as a public entity that the LIPOA does not have access to, and if those funds could be acquired to develop playgrounds and other facilities.

There was discussion over using Village funds in private parks and whether or not that would compromise the privacy of the lake. Wolff stated that any park developed by the Village would have to be public, and as such only recommends facilities that would be within walking distance. Pattison stated that he did not see that jeopardizing the privacy as people would not be driving to the community simply to use a playground.

Kiel suggested that the Village pursue developing these parks apart from the LIPOA. Lacca and Griffin both voiced concern about the Village being involved in parks. Griffin also stated that he sees a senior center as more of a need than parks.

Miller questioned why the Village would want to develop a senior center when there is already one in Weidman and the Commission on Aging has expanded its services in recent

years. Wolff also noted that at the LIPOA annual meeting the LIPOA stated that they were going to be developing programs with the Commission on Aging to meet the needs of our senior citizens.

Wolff also stated that some of this may be premature and that some of these decisions should reflect the results from the 2010 Census to see how the demographics of our community have changed since 2000. He did note that according to the 2000 Census, there were more residents of the community under the age of 18 than over the age of 65.

With no further business, the Village Council stood in adjournment at 1:05 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk

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David Torgerson, Village President