



# Village of Lake Isabella

**Planning Commission**  
**November 13, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
1010 Clubhouse Drive  
Lake Isabella, MI 48893

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Vice-chair Laraway called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Courser, Grey, Preuss, Simon, Tafreshi, & Laraway

**Members Excused:** McGrath

## Reports:

1. Chairman: None

2. Village Manager:

Village Manager Wolff reported to the Planning Commission on permit activity, code enforcement matters, election results, and the bid deadline for the "Mill & Fill" project on Queens Way and El Camino Grande.

Wolff also submitted a copy of the quarterly report from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on the Village's progress in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

3. Village Council:

Grey discussed the October Village Council meeting. He noted that there had been no positive developments between Consumers and the Village on securing an electric utility franchise. It was reported that if the status remains unchanged, the Council would be considering making a complaint to the Michigan Public Service Commission at its December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Grey also stated that with the defeat of the Village's proposed Charter Amendment he did not see the Village Council continuing to pursue an agreement with the Sheriff's Department.

4. Zoning Board of Appeals:

Wolff updated the Planning Commission on the October 30, 2018, ZBA meeting. He discussed that as part of the discussion into the request at 1025 Siesta Lane that it is becoming clear that all levels of the organization need to revisit the development regulations for the LR-2 District. He shared his opinion that property which was developed initially with single-wide mobile homes are proving to be a challenge for redevelopment.

Wolff reported that the ZBA has requested that the applicant return by March with updated drawings showing the square footage of the structure meet the minimum district requirements for a dwelling, and an approved well and septic permit.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Reconsideration of Conditions on Special Land Use Permit 2017-01:

Laraway opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

Public Comments: None

Wolff stated that no calls, emails, letters, or comments of any nature were submitted to the Village Hall in advance of the hearing.

Laraway closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 PM.

Mike Fiorillo stated that he is requesting that the Planning Commission amend the conditions of Special Land Use Permit 2017-01 which limit the number of pre-approved events at 565 N. Coldwater Road which may use tents to not more than six. He is requesting that there not be a limit for the 2019 calendar year on the number of events.

Tafreshi asked if the Village has received any complaints from the previous two events that have been hosted at the site. Wolff stated that no complaints or comments were made to the office regarding the last two events at the property.

Preuss made a motion, which was seconded by Tafreshi, to amend condition 2 for Special Land Use Permit 2017-01 by removing the total number of allowed events from 6 with no limit set on the amount which could be held in 2019. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Courser, Grey, Preuss, Simon, Tafreshi, & Laraway; NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Existing Business:**

1. Proposed Ordinance 2018-05; Regulation of Garages & Temporary Accessory Structures:

Wolff presented an updated draft of Proposed Ordinance 2018-05 to the Planning Commission. He reviewed the changes since the last meeting. He discussed that per the discussion last month, the regulation of Temporary Accessory Structures had been divided by residential and non-residential districts.

Laraway asked if there were any other issues that members of the Planning Commission wish to discuss. Seeing none, he asked if anyone would like to make a motion.

Simon made a motion, which was seconded by Grey, to recommend Proposed Ordinance 2018-05 to the Village Council for adoption. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

**Agenda Approval:**

Laraway apologized to the other members of the Planning Commission that he overlooked the approval of the Agenda and previous minutes at the start of the meeting.

Grey made a motion, which was seconded by Tafreshi, to approve the Agenda as presented. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Wolff noted that the draft minutes in the packet did not include the submitted comments from Councilmember Cueny, but that they should be attached to the minutes.

Tafreshi identified two typos that were corrected.

Grey made a motion, which was seconded by Tafreshi, to approve the October meeting minutes as corrected. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

**New Business:**

1. Proposed Amendments to the Planning Commission Bylaws:

Wolff presented a proposed update to the Planning Commission's Bylaws. He discussed changes to the election of officers, additional language on conflict of interest, Ex Parte contacts, and public participation standards to match those found in the Village Council's Rules & Procedures.

Courser made a motion, seconded by Tafreshi, to adopt the amended Planning Commission Bylaws. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

2. December Meeting:

The members discussed the need for a meeting in December. Wolff stated that he is working on trying to get the Master Plan draft finished so that it could be approved for comments by the Village Council in mid-December.

Wolff asked if there was any interest in having a meal at 6 PM and then a short meeting to get the Master Plan draft approved to go to the Council. The members stated that idea was a good plan, and was supportive of it. Laraway did note that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Paul Cueny of Clubhouse Drive thanked the members of the Planning Commission for their time and service to the community.

With no further business, the Planning Commission adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey  
Village Clerk