



Village of Sand Lake

2 E. Maple St., PO Box 139
Sand Lake, MI 49343

Village of Sand Lake Planning Commission
Thursday October 28, 2021 Meeting 7:00 pm
Municipal Building

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:
Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Donna Westerbrink
2. Election of Officers:
Motion was made by Don Knottnerus to elect Kevin Wright as Chairperson. **Supported** by Cathy Vandermeulen.
Motion made by Kevin Wright to have Donna Westerbrink take minutes for the meeting. **Supported** by Don Knottnerus. **Motion Carried**
Motion made by Cathy Vandermeulen to appoint Don Knottnerus as Vice Chairperson. **Supported** by Kevin Wright. **Motion Carried.**
Motion made by Knottnerus to appoint Cathy Vandermeulen as Secretary. **Supported** by Kevin Wright. **Motion Carried.**
3. Public Comment:
Mark from Nelson Township Planning Commission: Nelson Township will support Sand Lake's Planning Commission any way they can.
Marcia Helton: Thank you to Sand Lake Planning Commission and to Nelson Township Planning Commission.
4. Report of Zoning Administrator (Brian Werschem):

Brian Werschem introduces himself and gives his history of his time with Sand Lake. Thanks Planning Commission for their time. States the Marijuana ordinance and sign ordinance need a lot of fixing. The ordinances need to protect the Village. Discusses the current Marijuana establishments in town and current ordinance.

5. Review of Draft and Schedule Public Hearing for Sign Ordinance:
Jeff Sluggett gives opinion on newest sign ordinance, it is void because it did not get put in front of any planning commission and it tries to regulate sign content, which is unlawful. Sluggett goes through a template of a sign ordinance.
Discussion on what kind of vision Sand Lake has for its community and working on the Master Plan.

6. Future Actions:
Sluggett states the Village needs a ZBA, and that a draft of bylaws needs to be added to future work session, and a schedule needs to be adopted.
Motion made by Don Knottnerus to set the Planning Commission schedule for the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm for the rest of the calendar year. **Supported** by Cathy Vandermeulen. **Motion Carried**
Motion made by Don Knottnerus to have Donna Westerbrink as recording secretary for the Planning Commission. **Supported** by Kevin Wright. **Motion Carried.**

7. Commissioners' Comments:
Don Knottnerus: Would like to see the village council to come up with a vision for the future of Sand Lake.
Cathy Vandermeulen: Glad to be here.
Kevin Wright: Thank you Cathy and Don for being here and willing to do this.

8. Adjournment:
Motion made by Cathy Vandermeulen to adjourn. **Supported** by Don Knottnerus. **Motion Carried**

Submitted by:
Donna Westerbrink