

Clearwater Township Board Special Meeting  
October 8, 2019  
Minutes Approved October 17, 2019

A special meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order on October 8, 2019 at 10:05 AM at the Clearwater Township Community Center to discuss potential updates to the Clearwater Township Master Plan.

Board Members present: Supervisor Gaylord, Clerk Eldridge, and Trustee Bradley

Board Members excused: Treasurer Crambell and Trustee Morrison

Also present: Planning Commission Chair Backers, Planning Commission Secretary Fields, Planning Commissioner Cassasa, Deputy Clerk Moore and 5 members of the public.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** Residents spoke of need for ORV trails, additional Torch Lake access and the desire to keep Rapid City Rd beautiful even with any potential zoning changes.

**Declaration of conflict of Interest:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Eldridge and seconded by Bradley to approve the agenda. All in favor.

**Potential updates to Master Plan Future Land Use:**

Suggestions to look at areas zoned as agricultural given the decrease in large farms. Consider combining agricultural and recreational to one type of zoned area to provide more flexibility. Need to look at “tiny houses” and at shipping containers being converted into homes. Consider zoning an area for smaller lots with a design that supports smaller homes well, septic and emergency vehicle access needs. Look at the need for amending zoning to allow for more commercial property along Rapid City Rd. The future vision of the village should include ways to ensure the “front yards” of any businesses are attractive, such as parking behind or beside buildings and not in the front. Ensure that our water resources are protected; look at septic systems along Crystal Beach. Consider commercial zoning for Rapid City Rd from the village area north to Crystal Beach Rd. Consider areas of mixed use zoning. Need to listen to all citizen concerns but ensure that decisions are made with the whole community in mind, not just for the good of some. Suggestion to not extend commercial zoning south on Rapid City Rd beyond Schneider Rd.

The Master Plan is due to be updated this October; a new Master Plan needs to be approved by November 2019.

**Public Comment:** Suggestion to limit any expansion of commercial south of Rapid City Rd to only be the first 300 feet back off the road. Additional comments about noise ordinance.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Gaylord and seconded by Bradley at 10:50 AM. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,  
Jule Moore, Deputy Clerk