

**CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING JOINT WITH PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 6, 2020
MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 10, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:08, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: ZBA members Lawicki, Bergmann, Gerlach and Casassa (newly-appointed PC representative)

Planning Commission members VonSee, Casassa, Backers, Fields and Moore

Zoning Administrator Parzych

Eleven members of the public

Absent: ZBA member Snyder

Agenda approved as presented

All commission and board members declared no conflicts of interests

Prior minutes of both organizations (October 14, 2019 for ZBA) were approved

Correspondence: Village of Kalkaska is beginning to review its master plan

The Planning Commission then held a public hearing at which it voted unanimously to support Jason Morrison's petition to rezone two acres of his property at 6323 Rapid City Road from recreational to village commercial. The matter will proceed to the township board for final consideration. For details of the hearing, see the PC's minutes for this date.

Meeting dates: set by Planning Commission at their Dec. 2, 2019 meeting

ZBA: April 13, July 13 and October 12, 2020; joint meeting with PC, Jan. 4, 2021

Officers for 2020: PC: Backers, chair; Fields, secretary and VonSee, vice-chair

ZBA: Gerlach, chair; Casassa, secretary and Bergmann, vice-chair

Under old business, Backers thanked the ZBA for their stand on the Tillman tower issue. Gerlach reported briefly for the ZBA on the five public hearings it held during 2019, which constituted the entirety of their business for the year.

The zoning administrator issued an annual printed report. Under new business he requested that the PC consider limiting the size, and perhaps the location, of pole barns. Very large ones are being constructed in many areas of the township and, he feels, are probably being used for commercial purposes. Also, they are being built on residential lots in place of houses. Some are housing motor homes.

Under new business, Backers reported that the township board has requested the PC to undertake a review and alteration of the township zoning map, thus requiring ZBA involvement also. At issue is a perceived plethora of agriculturally- and, perhaps, recreationally-zoned land as opposed to a shortage of village commercial.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51; next ZBA meeting, April 13, 2020