

Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes from 10/24/22

Those present: Polly Peyerck, Keri Viers, Damien Nelson (ZO), Lani White & Adam Bronkema. Rob Cochran, absent.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am by Chair Bronkema.

Pledge.

Minutes from 10/10/22 read. **Motion** by Viers, sec. by Bronkema to accept as presented. All in favor. Cochran absent. **Motion** carried.

Chapter 7

Discussion of why new land classifications went from 6 to 4.

Zoning Ordinance has different areas, but not all the areas on Master Plan.

We need to address further plans for parks.

Page 7-2 under Commercial/Business section:

1st paragraph: take out "in the vicinity of the dock." Put . after development
Then cross out "within roughly ½ mile on each side of dock."

2nd paragraph: put . After the oword Island (end of first line), then eliminate the words "in the vicinity of Lime Kiln Point Drive and Bridgeview Drive."
Also eliminate the last sentence of the paragraph "The general location is shown as a red asterisk."

3rd paragraph: take out the word "uses" in the second line, then eliminate the last sentence, "The commercial classification is shown in red on Map7."

Under Forest Recreation:

1st paragraph, first line, change the word "percent" to "%"

2nd line: insert "." after the word Michigan, and eliminate "or the U.S. Forest Service."

last line, same paragraph, change "percent" to "%".

2nd paragraph eliminate the words "timber harvesting, as well as extensive".

3rd paragraph: eliminate the entire paragraph.

Page 7-5, under Parks and Community Recreation:

1st paragraph: 5th line down: after “picnic spots,” insert “and a” before “playground, and add an “s” .

Eliminate “For extended stay camping,” Change “t” to “T” on “there”.

2nd paragraph should NOW read: “As the popularity of Bois Blanc Island increases, more vacationers look to visit and spend a few days. The Township is actively engaged in establishing one new park on the West End and acquiring land for a new park on the Southeast Shore. The development of a 5-year MDNR approved Recreation Plan would enable the community to apply for Natural Resource Trust Fund and Michigan Recreation Passport recreation grants.”

1st paragraph under Resource Protection and Management, , last line , hyphenate the words “Long-Term”.

2nd paragraph: last line, insert the word “for” between “developed” and “their.”

Page 7-6: 1st full paragraph: eliminate the last 2 sentences “Foot trails... buffer areas.”

Transportation , 2nd line Change “”works” to “will continue working”.

Eliminate the last 3 sentences of that paragraph= “As more people...not open to the public.”

2nd paragraph: 3rd sentence: should read “Bois Blanc Township is committed to maintaining and upgrading the airport....”

6th line: change “work” to “working to provide needed....”

8th line: add “of” between feasibility and developing.

History and Cultural Resources should NOW read: “The Master Plan recognizes the importance of protecting the historic and archaeological features on Bois Blanc Island.

The community is committed to preserving the history and cultural resources of the Island. Bois Blanc Island Historical Society operates a museum that highlights the post European settlement of the Island. Given Bois Blanc Island’s centralized location relative to the Great Lakes, and the importance of water travel in Prehistoric times, it’s safe to surmise the Island has been used for thousands of years. Human occupation of Bois Blanc Island might go back as far as 9,500 years before present.

Similar to resource conservation, a 3-pronged approach is also recommended for protection and conservation of the historic and cultural resources on Bois Blanc Island.

Voluntary Conservation and Protection – Since 63% of the Island is under private ownership and much of the western portion of the Island consists of smaller privately-owned parcels with seasonal lakeshore cottages, the need for landowners to protect the resources on their own properties is paramount. The community will work with tribes, and local, state, and federal agencies to provide a public education and outreach program for landowners and visitors. The overall goal will be for residents and visitors to feel a personal responsibility for preserving the cultural and historic resources.

Long-Term Preservation – Historical sites can be preserved by fee simple purchase, use of special easements, cultural preserves and retention of public ownership.

Regulations – There are state and federal statutes that provide some level of protection.”

Note: Check with Ann K. re. How much State/Fed. Lands are taxed.

Adjourned at 11:14am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lani White".

Lani White, secretary

Addendum to P.C. Meeting Minutes of 10/24/22

Chapter 8: 1st paragraph, line 6, insert “ , “ before and after “as necessary”.

The rest of Chapter 8 remains with new names and addresses for those who need to be informed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lani White". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lani White, secretary