

Lake County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2014

Meeting Called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Seth Hopkins, Gwen Warren, Ernie Wogatzke, Joel Poynter

Absent: Kenneth Shoemaker

Guest: Ryan Coffey, MSU Extension

Approval of November Minutes with correction: Colleen Carrington-change to Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins. Motion to approve by Ernie W., seconded by Gwen W. motion carried.

Recreation Plan Follow Up: There was general discussion of the recreation inventory portion of the plan. There was discussion on proper terminology of the community project by the Historical Society "Community Center", the current update of the project. The "Community Center" is a Historical Society project and not part of Village of Baldwin, therefore in recreation plan it should not be listed under Village of Baldwin. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins will keep the Commission updated about the project. Also there was discussion and clarification of 4-H in the section of Baldwin School District. 4-H should be listed as "additional programming" that is available as a collaborative effort at the school. Also, in discussion Carr Hall should be eliminated from the plan, as it no longer provides a recreational opportunity to the community.

Other discussion: Ryan Coffey reminded the Commission to send pictures to him of Lake County to be put into the plan. Specifically Ryan mentioned a picture that was taken by Patrick Johnson on a cell phone of kids playing on the Hollister Park playground/equipment. It was noted that this could make a good cover picture for the plan. Commissioner Carrington-Atkins would follow up with Patrick to see if the picture was still available. The County property on M-37 was also discussed. Discussion focused on what to do with the property in regards to creating a park. It seems that originally the recreation plan was going to be based on establishing a park using this property, but instead the plan became County wide. It was questioned whether the current plan should once again focus on the property. General consensus if pursuing funding in the future was that there should be a section about creating a park with this land. Discussion ensued and it was noted that this might be the job of the Lake County Youth Committee. Seth H. stated that the Lake County Youth Committee felt that this was not necessarily their job, but wanted to focus on programming verses creating infrastructure. Discussion ensued about who had the responsibilities to create the park and that a general plan/outline must be created. Seth H. volunteered to start creating a plan using baseline information from a public hearing about the park that the Commission held in 2013. A youth survey was discussed. The Commission felt that a youth survey could be pertinent to creating a park and youth recreational opportunities in the County. Seth H. stated that there was a survey done at Baldwin Schools approximately five years ago. He volunteered to try and find a copy that he had at one time. If this could not be found then he was to contact Ernie W. and Joel P. to discuss creating a survey. There would be some logistics and it was stated by Seth H. and Ryan C. also agreed that the survey must be question specific in order to get specific answers that would be of use to the Commission.

Other Comments: Kenneth S. is supposed to be following up with GOVE for a digital copy of the old recreation plan. Commission Carrington-Atkins also sent an email. Seth H. will start to work on a short plan for County property on M-37. Joel P. is working on a map with a variety of overlays. Gwen will also work on contacting Patrick Johnson for picture. As a reminder Commission members need to send their information electronically to Ryan C. so he can start compiling the plan. County Commissioners need discuss the replacement of Patrick Johnson on the Planning Commission. There was a motion that was tabled for later discussion to make Seth H. acting secretary.

Motion for adjournment: Motion Ernie W., seconded by Commissioner Carrington-Atkins, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Seth Hopkins