

Weldon Township
 Planning Commission Minutes
 Monday, July 1st, 2019 6:30 PM
 Weldon Township Hall
 Information: (231) 378-2477

Board Members:

Chuck Kraus, Robert Aldrich, Carrie Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Chris Bobek, Scott Williams & Sue Meredith

Time	Point	Member	Comments
6:30	Call to Order	Chuck Kraus	
	Pledge of Allegiance	All	
6:30	Roll Call	Robert Aldrich	Present: Robert Aldrich, Carrie Aldrich, Becky Sharp, Sue Meredith, Scott Williams, Chuck Kraus Absent: Chris Bobek
	Motion	Carrie Aldrich	Approve agenda with the following changes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add a discussion under new business to discuss bylaws meeting and to discuss who will replace Fran Griffin on the Bylaws Committee. 2. Add Arthur Mullen mail received under correspondence.
	Second	Scott Williams	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Motion	Robert Aldrich	Motion to approve minutes from last month.
	Second	Becky Sharp	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Discussion	Elizabeth Calcutt	Elizabeth is from Networks Northwest. They are under contract with Benzie County. Networks Northwest is offering their services to help us provide a plan that would work with the recreation plan of other government bodies in the area. We discussed creating a joint recreation plan. A recreation plan is needed and by working with other local governments to come up with a plan we would save significant money. \$1470 is the estimated cost for coming up with a plan based on the Benzie County plan and DNR guidelines. All participating groups would contribute their recreation plan to the overall recreation plan. She talked with us about how they could help us to get grants.

			<p>Larger grants are easier with help from the county and when multiple governments are being supported. Coordinating our Township plan with a County plan helps with funding. It helps to have various communities working together.</p> <p>Main benefits are that our recreation plan will be much less expensive to create and it should greatly increase funding opportunities. Working with other governments to come up with a plan shouldn't limit us in any way.</p> <p>Elizabeth is asking us to recommend to the Township board that we use her services as described above.</p>
	Motion	Carrie Aldrich	Recommend to the board that we join Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan being put together by Networks Northwest at a cost of \$1470.
	Second	Becky Sharp	Ayes: All - Nays: None - Passed
	Zoning Administrator's report.	Craig Meredith	The report was submitted to the Planning Commission and will be on file with the Township Clerk.
	Bylaws Committee	All	Discussed the date for the next meeting. It was discussed that Carrie Aldrich will replace Fran Griffin on the Bylaws Committee.
	Correspondence	All	We received a letter from Arthur Mullen with the results of our audit of the Weldon Township Zoning Ordinance. We will read through this and discuss it during our August meeting.
	Discussion	All	Chuck noticed a private "For Sale" sign posted on state-owned signposts he was concerned that it is damaging the signposts and doesn't look good. Chuck is going to talk to the Township Supervisor about it.
7:38	Adjourned	Chuck Kraus	Meeting is adjourned