

**Cato Township Planning Commission  
October 9, 2019**

PRESENT:                    Dave Behrenwald                    Kim Carr                    Phil Morrow  
                                 Jourdan Lindsey                    David Kelsey, Zoning Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:0 pm by chairperson, Phil Morrow.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the August meeting were emailed to members. Minutes approved by consensus.

**CATO TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

Jourdan Lindsey reported that four lots were purchased by Gary & Cathie Padden. Two are zoned as village and two as township. They requested that they all be zoned as village property. Their request was granted as the Township Board saw no barriers.

Jourdan confirmed that members who show for a meeting, and there is no quorum, should be paid their stipend for coming to the meeting.

**SOLAR POWER**

Home Township has already incorporated and Belvidere and Douglas Townships are working on incorporating into their Zoning Ordinance books. The county will be voting on in the near future.

David Kelsey stated that the Cato Township Planning Commission should begin planning. He distributed a sample of the Douglas Township ordinance. This will be distributed with the meeting minutes and will be reviewed and discussed at the next Cato Township Planning Commission meeting.

**ZONING REPORT**

Dave Kelsey updated the Commission on the zoning activities from April through September 2019, as follows:

**APRIL**

Jody Leitz	Collard Drive	deck/12x16
Darrell West	11117 N. Backus	doublewide
Josh Bartlett	6223 Cutler Road	pole bard/40x80

**JULY**

William Johns	6048 Cutler	6' vinyl fence
Gordy Waller	11530 Lakeshore	lean-to on garage
Jody Leitz	9715 Fitzner	mud room

**AUGUST**

Dennis Baney, Jr.	6075 Pine	blight
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Carolyn Cesar	10541 Townline	portable garage
Tribben Lawens	11589 Juniper	blight

SEPTEMBER

Nora Barcelona	6471 Fern	shed
Ryan Harrington	9330 Cutler	mud room

There was discussion regarding potential at the old Mel Molitor Farm. Dave Kelsey stated that birthdate and driver license are needed in order to file a blight violation and that some townships are turning the blight ordinance over to the county. Truthfinder.com was recommended as a resource for discovering personal information but there is a fee to obtain the information. Dave Kelsey stated he can try to obtain birthdates and drivers licenses through the county sheriff's department.

Dave Kelsey noted that Winfield, Belvidere and Maple Valley Townships do not have blight ordinances.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cato Township Planning Commission will convene on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Kim Carr and supported by David Behrenwald to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by,  
Kimberlee J. Carr, Secretary