BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMIT
Permits are only valid for one year from date of approval

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Contractors must have a portable toilet on site for workers.

2. All lot improvement permits must be posted and visible from road.


4. Contractors are responsible for making sure our roads and any other association properties are left in the same condition as before construction is started, or they will be responsible for any damages which may have occurred.

5. Contractors and workers must obey posted signs and watch for off-road vehicles, small motorized vehicles and pedestrians.

6. All structures must meet all State, County and Lincoln Township codes.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Camping units stored on residential lot must be stored in side yard or back of residence,

2. Docks must be 4 feet wide and up to but no more than 15 feet long from the high-water line (C&R’s)

3. All watercraft must have current year WBL sticker.

4. All driveways requiring a culvert are to have a minimum 12-inch diameter by 18-foot-long STEEL culvert pipe (12" x 18"). (Per Clare County Road Commission Guidelines)

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White Birch Lakes
Lot Improvement Application

Lot Owner(s):

Name(s)

Street Address:

City State Zip

Lot No(s)

Phone#

Application For:

☐ New Residence
☐ Garage (Attached or Detached)
☐ Septic System/Drain Field
☐ Fence
☐ Deck/Dock on Lake Side
☐ Other (Specify) 

☐ Addition to Existing Building
☐ Detached Accessory Building
☐ Driveway (18’ x 12” Min, Metal Culvert Required)
☐ Dog Kennel
☐ Tree Removal

Starting any of the above projects without EPC written approval, may result in a fine being assessed.

Submit the following: (Required for approval)

• One (1) Copy of Plot Plan (sketch) indicating location of all existing and proposed improvements. Indicate Dimensions and Distances to Lot Lines
• Location of Proposed Driveway (Concrete /Asphalt Driveways must end a minimum of 3 Ft from the Roadway edge). Gravel/Dirt Driveway’s must be level to Roadway.
• Location of Campsite
• Copies of Required Permits (Building, Zoning, Septic System, and Soil Erosion within 500’ of lakes)

Required for Tree Removal:

• Number of Trees to be Removed
• Trees Must be Clearly Marked (Colored flagging preferred)
• Reason for Proposed Tree Removal

* Application must be submitted to the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Office.
* All improvements must comply with White Birch Lakes Restrictions (Copy available at WBL Office)
* Permits issued for approved applications must be posted prominently at location and visible from road.
* Tree Removal Permits are valid for 6 months; All Others are valid for One (1) year from date of approval.
* A copy of the Zoning and Building Permits from Lincoln Township must be submitted to the EPC before construction or work begins.

By signing below, you certify the above information is true and correct, and you are giving permission to Members of the WBL Environment Protection Committee to enter your property for the purpose of evaluating the property for which you have requested this approval.

Signature of Property Owner ___________________________ Date ________________ EPC Approval ___________________________ Date ________________

Lot Improvement Applications that are denied by the Environmental Protection Committee may be appealed, in writing, to the White Birch Lakes Recreational Association Board of Directors.
Building Site Lot Number and/or Street Address: ____________________________________________

Owner(s): ________________________________________________________________________

Owner's Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: __________________________ Work or Cell Phone: _______________________

ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE WHITE BIRCH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THIS APPLICATION.

1. Plot Plan Diagram or Survey: Yes or No (Well, Septic and Distance to Lot Lines)
2. Plot Plan Diagram or Survey: Yes or No (Indicate Driveway, Concrete/Asphalt Driveways must end a minimum of 3 Ft from the Roadway edge). Gravel/Dirt Driveways must be level to Roadway.
3. Proposed Building Staked out: Yes or No
4. Number of Trees to be Removed ________ Trees MUST be Clearly Marked
5. Copy of Approved Building and Septic Permit: Yes or No
6. Property Lot Corners Marked and Visible: Yes or No

TYPE OF STRUCTURE:

A. Stick Built/Custom Home Size X ______ X ______
B. MRBC Modular Home Size X ______ X ______
   (Note: You must submit a complete set of Stamped State of Michigan approved Michigan Residential Building Code prints with State of Michigan letter attached.)
C. Addition to existing Home Size X ______ X ______
D. Garage: Attached or Detached Size X ______ X ______
E. Deck(s): Number: ______ Size X ______ X ______ Size X ______ X ______
F. Accessory Building: Size X ______ X ______
G. Other (Describe): ____________________ Size X ______

Building Contractor Name: ____________________ Phone: ____________________

I/we hereby acknowledge that I/We have read the Building and Land Use Restrictions. I/we agree to abide by the conditions set forth therein; including that all exterior construction must be complete within a 6 Month period from start.

Signature of Property Owner(s) ____________________ Date ________________

EPC ACTION: APPROVED ______ DENIED ______ For the Following Reason(s) ______________________________

EPC Signature: ____________________ Date ________________

Additional required conditions of approval are as follows: ________________________________

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WBLRA ACCESSORY BUILDINGS GUIDELINES

Accessory buildings shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. No accessory building shall be erected on any lot prior to the erection of a single-family dwelling house. (C&R)
2. Any accessory building must conform to all White Birch Lake’s Regulations, construction requirements and deed restrictions, as well as all Lincoln Township zoning ordinances.
3. Prior to construction of any accessory building of any size, a permit must be obtained from Environmental Protection Committee (EPC). The application for such permit must contain:
   - Site plan, which shall show the location of all improvements existing, the location of the improvement proposed, and the color proposed to be used. (C&R)
   - Other drawings or documents as requested by EPC that may assist it in its deliberation towards the issuance of the permits. (C&R)
4. The main building on a lot is the single-family residential dwelling house.
5. An accessory building that is structurally attached to the main building must conform to the regulation and codes applicable to the main building.
6. A detached accessory building may not be located:
   - Less than 10 feet from any other building. (Lincoln Township)
   - Less than 10 feet from any side lot line. (C&R)
   - Less than 30 feet from the rear lot line or twenty-five percent (25%) of the depth of the lot, whichever is greater. (C&R)
   - These distances are to be the greater of either WBLRA or Lincoln Township.
7. A detached accessory building may not be located in the front yard, except where it is determined that the topography of the lot requires an EPC and/or Township variance.
8. The total square footage of all detached accessory buildings shall not exceed 2000 sq. ft.
9. The maximum square footage of a single accessory building is 2000 square feet.
10. Under no circumstance shall there be more than 3 detached accessory buildings. Requests to add on to an existing accessory building may be approved, as long as it is in compliance with the total square footage limits stated in paragraph 8.
11. The finished exterior of every building constructed or placed on any numbered lot shall be of material consistent with the current BOCA code. (C&R) The State of Michigan replaced the BOCA code with THE MICHIGAN RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE.

(11 A). Past non-enforcement of any of these restrictions shall not constitute a precedent that would prevent their future enforcement by the committee. (C&R)

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LOT DIAGRAM/SITE PLAN

Show lot lines (show dimensions in feet), Label streets, Show existing structures
Show proposed construction, Show dimensions of all buildings
Show all setbacks from all sides of buildings to property lines in feet.
Contractor/owner will stake 2 adjacent lot lines for the first inspection.

Signature ___________________________ Property # ___________________________ Rev. 4/6/14