

**Lake Township Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2022**

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall ( 5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

J. Rothhaar called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Members Present;**

John Rothhaar                      Mark Janeczko                      Carl Lightfoot                      Kyle Orr                      Jackie Randall

**Others Present;** Bob Blank, Township Zoning Administrator | Maureen Jeannot, Recorder | Dottie Blank, Township Clerk | Tom Getz, Crystal Downs CC | Mike Morris, Crystal Downs CC | Tom Kucera, Tassie Boshier and one other person.

**Public Input on Agenda;** None

**Meeting Minutes;** Minutes from the Special Meeting on September 29, 2022 were approved as presented.

**Correspondence;** Bob Blank has an update on the Park Ridge Development (under Old Business)

**New Business;**

- a. Possible relocation of Sutter Road by Crystal Downs Country Club: 1 Handout - History of Sutter Rd (on file) Tom Getz, a committee member of Crystal Downs, spoke on the reasons for moving Sutter Road. They feel the current location is unsafe at the current speed allowed. The site lines are not adequate for driver reaction. Their goal is to design it with grades and curves to accommodate a safe 55mph speed limit. The new project would help capture runoff and keep it from entering Crystal Lake. They plan to sell up to 10 lots on their property to obtain the money needed for construction. The entire change is within Crystal Downs property and would take 6 months to construct by a private contractor retained by Crystal Downs with Benzie County Road Commission oversight. The old road would then be torn out and the land would be moved back to wilderness. The new road would be safer for joggers, bikers and walkers. They would like to start in 2023, but will most likely start in 2024.
- b. Mark Janeczko gave a presentation on Ordinances and Zoning and why they are necessary.
- c. Kyle Orr gave an update on personnel changes coming to Lake Township. As of January 1, 2023 the clerk and zoning administrator are retiring. A new zoning administrator will be appointed.

**Master Plan;** Handouts include drafts of the Table of Contents , Chapters 1 - 4 (on file)

The Master Plan Survey results will be online soon and as portions of the plan are approved, they will be posted online as well.

Chapters 1 through 4 were discussed. It was suggested to get the new incoming Zoning Administrator's opinion. The Planning Commission is hopeful the full updated Master Plan document will be ready for review in February 2023.

**Old Business;**

- a. The Park Ridge Subdivision update: A letter of credit has been received by Lake Township and the Fire Department has confirmed the planned road is satisfactory.

**Other Zoning Matters;** None

**Public Input;** None

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next Meetings scheduled are February 16, 2023 and April 13, 2023.

Respectfully submitted  
Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary  
November 18, 2022