

Lake Township Planning Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2024 Special Meeting

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024, 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

J. Rothhaar called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present; John Rothhaar, Mark Janeczko, Jackie Randall, Carl Lightfoot and Kyle Orr.

Others Present; Beckett & Raeder consultant, Sara Kopriva; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Mary Pitcher, Lake Twp Supervisor; Josh Mills, Zoning Administrator and Sally Casey, Lake Twp ZBA.

Public Input on Agenda; Mark Janeczko asked to add his Code Officer report for 2024. The agenda was approved with the addition.

Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2024; Minutes were approved with changes.

Upcoming Meeting Dates; One change was made in February. The confirmed dates are as follows:

January 9, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder

February 20, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder (Possible selection of Officers)

March 13, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder

Zoning Ordinance Review;

Consultant Sara Kopriva from Beckett & Raeder spoke about their Annotated Summary and Outline submitted to the commission members. (on file) The objectives include creating a more user-friendly document, updates to comply with State Statutes & relevant case law, and alignment of the zoning plan approved in the Township Master Plan. Overall, the policies of the ordinance will remain the same except for a few changes.

There was discussion about adjustments in the current C-1 districts, the current resort commercial districts and housing density or allowed build outs in R-1 and R-2 districts. Watershed, forestry and agriculture overlays and laws will be considered in all. Public input and hearings will be scheduled during the process of making revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance.

Other Zoning Matters;

There was general consensus that generators and/or compressors as permanent structures should follow offset guidelines.

Mark Janeczko (as Code Enforcer) gave an annual report for Short Term Rentals. There were 80 licenses acquired in 2024. Complaints were checked on. Required inspections were completed. An application form for a Short Term Rental license is available online at: http://laketwp.org/docs_forms.htm. Mr. Janeczko made recommendations to change the allowed number of STR's, the license fee, and firepit rules.

Motion (3 parts) by Kyle Orr to recommend (1) Adjusting the STR license fee as follows: Initial license fee = \$500, Renewal license fee = \$300; (2) Changing the number of licenses available from 150 to 110; (3) Requiring firepits at STRs must be 25 feet away from the property line. Second by Jackie Randall. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion passed. These recommendations will be passed on to the Township Board.

Public Input; none

John Rothhaar adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Future meetings; January 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm, February 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm, March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

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