

Lake Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

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

Members Present; Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot and Kyle Orr.

Excused members; John Rothhaar and Jackie Randall

Others Present; Beckett & Raeder consultant, Sara Kopriva; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Sally Casey, Lake Twp ZBA; Tom Kucera, Crystal Lake Watershed

Public Input on Agenda; none

Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2024; Minutes were approved as presented.

Zoning Ordinance Review; Consultant Sara Kopriva from Beckett & Raeder led a discussion on the first draft of the updated Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion focused on Article 7: Site Plan Review, Article 8: Special Land Uses, Article 9: Land Development Options, Article 10: Nonconformities, Article 11: Zoning Board of Appeals, Article 12: Administration, Enforcement & Violations, and Article 13: Amendments & Severability.

Sara Kopriva asked that board members read Articles 1 through 6 before the next meeting on February 20, 2025 and present their thoughts about Articles 2 through 6.

Public Input; There was a request to the Planning Commission Board to find a way that the public can have access to the Draft Document while under review. K. Orr will look into what options are available. It was also commented on that the articles in the draft ordinance were rearranged from the current ordinance. The public was reminded that objectives include creating a more user-friendly document. Overall, the policies of the ordinance will remain the same except for a few changes which may be necessary in order to comply with State Laws. Also, the Annotated Summary (on file from the 12/12/24 PC meeting) walks through it.

Kyle Orr adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

January 10, 2025