

Lake Township Planning Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 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, Carl Lightfoot, Kyle Orr and Jackie Randall.
Others Present; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Sally Casey, Lake Twp ZBA; Tom Kucera, Crystal Lake Watershed

Public Input on Agenda; None

Minutes from January 9, 2024 were approved as presented.

J. Rothhaar read an email he received from Ben Neat and his wife concerning a neighboring property being purchased by a developer. (on file)

Meeting Schedule; Monthly meetings were suggested through June to complete the Amended Zoning Ordinance. The 2025 Planning Commission meeting schedule is as follows:

March 13, 2025 @ 6:30 pm	April 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm	May 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
June 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm	August 21, 2025 @ 6:30 pm	October 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
December 18, 2025 @ 6:30 pm		

A special meeting may be added. A public hearing on the Amended Zoning Ordinance will be held and the Planning Commission will send recommendations to the Township Board. The Township Board may need to schedule a public hearing as well.

J. Randall made a motion to adapt/ratify the given dates for the Planning Commission meeting schedule. Second by K. Orr. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion passed.

Informational Items; There was discussion of a requirement that the Planning Commission provide an annual report to the Township Board. J. Mills (Zoning Admin) already submits monthly and annual reports. Mary Riley, from MSU Extension, will hold a training session for PC duties and responsibilities on February 27, 2025 from 6-8 pm at the Thompsonville Village Hall. Cost is \$25/person. J. Rothhaar will forward the information and PC board members who wish to attend need to follow up with the contact in the email by February 25th.

Zoning Ordinance Review; Consultant Sara Kopriva from Beckett & Raeder was unable to attend this meeting. Discussion focused on allowed uses in all types of districts. Comparisons were made between the draft amendments and current ordinance.

Public Input; None

J. Rothhaar adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Future meetings; March 13, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, April 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, May 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, June 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, August 21, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, October 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, December 18, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary
February 21, 2025