

Lake Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2025

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

- 1) J. Rothhaar called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) Members Present; John Rothhaar, Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot, Kyle Orr and Jackie Randall.
Others Present; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Mary Pitcher, Twp Supervisor; Penny Georgevich, Twp Clerk; also, about 12 township residents (sign in list on file).
- 3) There were two announcements from J. Rothhaar: 1) Planning Commission meetings will be recorded going forward and posted on youtube. A link will be added to the township website. 2) Anna Grobe, Lake Twp Trustee, will be resigning at the end of November. Letters of interest in the position should be submitted to the Twp Clerk no later than 11/30/25. No public input on the agenda.
- 4) Minutes from the Hearing and Meeting on September 18, 2025, were approved as drafted.
- 5) Continued review of Zoning Ordinance; C. Lightfoot, J. Rothhaar, and M. Pitcher have been working with the new consultant, Hillary Taylor, from McKenna Consulting. All feel the process is on the right track and moving forward.

Public Comment; Jill (?) and T. Kucera asked that progress in work done along with documentation from the consultant be posted on the township website. M. Irving expressed concern about environmental groups being included in the conversations. R. Frank spoke about the letter he submitted regarding consideration of provisions of ADU's (on file). T. Rogers submitted a letter commenting on concerns about the minimum lot size being considered (on file).

There was review and discussion of the Zoning Diagnostic Memorandum (on file) from H. Taylor of McKenna Consulting. Conversation included Articles 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10, with focus on nonconformities. Handouts included drafts of Appendix A, summary of allowed uses, and Article 10, nonconformities (on file). J. Rothhaar indicated that their goal should be to keep uniformity in the ordinance and keep it simplified. More discussion will be coming related to Article 4, Environmental and Lake Protection.

- 6) Future Meetings; December 18, 2025, there will be a Regular PC Meeting, along with a Joint Hearing & Meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals. A variance and Special Use Permit have been requested regarding a property on Crystal Drive. J. Mills will be sending out notification of the request. The ZBA Meeting will begin at 5:00 pm with the PC meeting following.
A Regular PC Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm (please note time change).
- 7) Public Input; Comment by someone asking that Zoning Ordinance Information be posted on Twp website.
- 8) J. Rothhaar adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary
November 22, 2025