

## Lake Township Planning Commission

### Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

- 1) K. Orr called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Present; Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot, Kyle Orr, Jackie Randall and Michelle Erwin. Others Present; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Josh Mills, Zoning Administrator; Mary Pitcher, Twp Supervisor; Penny Georgevich, Twp Clerk; Hillary Taylor and Ethan Senti of McKenna Consulting; also, about 8 township residents (sign in list on file).
- 2) The agenda was approved as presented.
- 3) J. Randall motioned to elect **Mark Janeczko as Chair**. Second by C. Lightfoot. Voice vote, motion carried. J. Randall motioned to elect **Carl Lightfoot as Vice Chair**. Second by K. Orr. Voice vote, motion carried. K. Orr motioned to elect **Jackie Randall as Secretary**. Second by M. Erwin. Voice vote, motion carried.
- 4) Minutes from the PC meeting November 20, 2025, and the Joint Meeting/Hearing (with the ZBA) on December 18, 2025, were approved by voice vote as presented. (Note: The ZBA will need to approve(adopt) the December 18 draft as well.)
- 5) New Chair, M. Janeczko, read a letter from property owner K. Simon regarding dockages and dock setbacks. (on file)  
Review of Zoning Ordinance continued. McKenna Consulting presented their current "Project Task List" (on file and to be posted on the Township website) The Task List is color coded indicating items that are Incomplete, Complete, Attorney Consultation Required, Pending, and Further Twp Feedback Required. Township and PC notes are included as well as proposed changes. Hillary Taylor indicated they were asking for comments or questions on their work. The consultants plan to meet with the Lake Overlay Districts. There will be two rounds of comments, then a finalized draft will be presented in July. Discussion continued. McKenna Consulting presented a Memorandum (on file) about a Zoning Ordinance Update and Adherence to PA 233. Townships must determine how they would like to address utility scale solar and wind-oriented projects. Three options are available. After discussion, the PC board is leaning toward Option #2 – Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO) which requires a developer to seek approval.
- 6) Future Meetings were scheduled to be held at Lake Township Hall:  
February 19, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
March 26, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
April 16, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
May 21, 2026 @ 6:30 pm
- 7) The township is offering to pay for anyone interested in taking an online MSUE Citizen Planner Course. Anyone interested should contact Supervisor Mary Pitcher.  
No Public Input
- 8) M. Janeczko adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

January 16, 2026