

Lake Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

- 1) Mark Janeczko called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) Members Present; Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot, Kyle Orr, Jackie Randall and Michelle Erwin. Others Present; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Mary Pitcher, Twp Supervisor also, about 8 township residents (sign in list on file).
- 3) The agenda was approved as presented.
- 4) Minutes from the PC meeting January 15, 2026 were approved by voice vote as presented.
- 5) Public Input on agenda; A comment was made regarding the project task list presented by McKenna Consulting not being up on the township website.
- 6) Old Business;
More discussion will be coming regarding site coverage percentages. Conversation with the Conservation District will help make a more informed decision.
The 'chore list' presented by McKenna Consulting is coming along and continues to be worked on.
- 7) New Business; There was discussion about amending Article II Definition of Structure in the existing zoning ordinance.
Motion by K. Orr to amend the definition as follows: *"Structure: A structure is any production or piece of material artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner; any construction, including dwellings, garages, buildings, mobile homes, signs and sign boards, towers, poles, antennae, swimming pools, decks, fences four (4) feet in height or more or other like objects; but not including fences up to four (4) feet in height, uncovered steps, docks, access steps required to negotiate changes in site elevation, and sidewalks, drives, paved areas and patios which protrude less than twelve (12) inches above the finished site grade."*
Second by C. Lightfoot. Roll Call vote. M. Janeczko – yes, C. Lightfoot - yes, K. Orr - yes, J. Randall yes, M. Erwin – yes. All voted yes. Motion carried.
There was discussion about amending Sec. 3.11 Boat Docks Limitations in the existing zoning ordinance.
Motion by C. Lightfoot to add the following language to Boat Docks Limitations:
*"All docks, boats, boat hoists, swim rafts MUST be 10 feet or more from lot lines from extended property lines in the water.
Lights to illuminate docks must be shielded or downfacing to reduce glare and avoid disrupting wildlife."*
Second by J. Randall. Roll Call vote. M. Janeczko – yes, C. Lightfoot - yes, K. Orr - yes, J. Randall yes, M. Erwin – yes. All voted yes. Motion carried.
A public hearing will be held on March 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm prior to sending the proposed amendments to the Lake Township Board.
There was discussion about changing the Commercial District areas along Deadstream Rd. in the new zoning ordinance. More discussion to come on this topic.
- 8) Future PC Meeting dates;
March 12, 6:30 pm
March 26, 6:30 pm - Public Hearing at 7:00 pm - Continue Meeting after hearing.

9) Public Input; Comment made thanking the township for posting information on the township website and asking if agendas could also be posted ahead of meetings. Question on possibly changing the commercial zoning before the March Hearing. Comment regarding whether or not committee work is subject to OMA.

10) M. Janeczko adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Future Meetings scheduled at Lake Township Hall: March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm; March 26, 2026 @ 6:30 pm | Public Hearing @ 7:00 pm; April 16, 2026 @ 6:30 pm; May 21, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

February 20, 2026