

**Lake Township Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2026**

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

Mark Janeczko called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm (following two unrelated ZBA hearings). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present; Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot, Jackie Randall, Kyle Orr and Michelle Erwin.

Others Present; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Josh Mills, Twp Zoning Administrator; also, about 15 township residents (sign in list on file).

Michelle Erwin motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Kyle Orr. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Kyle Orr to approve minutes from the PC meeting March 26, 2026, with one correction; M Erwin was excused, not absent. Second by Carl Lightfoot. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Public Input on agenda; None

Unfinished Business; Continued discussion on Article 3.11 Boat Docks & Limitations. Article 13 Ordinance draft was reviewed. Article 9, Land Development Options was reviewed.

The entire draft ordinance is posted on the township website for public view.

New Business; Discussion on the definition of impervious surface.

Announcements;

- The Planning Commission Chair and Zoning Administrator will do a field evaluation of lakefront properties for watershed criteria.
- The May 21, 2026 PC Meeting time will be 5:00 pm. McKenna Consultants will be at this meeting with a presentation.

Public Input;

John Randall - feels decks are not totally impervious surfaces, recreational amenities may be a problem, docks in Section C may need clarification, would like clarification on dock seasonal installation.

Susan Kirkpatrick - wonders if a 'best practice guide' would be a good idea for sharing docks, is there reference to homeowner access via easements. Answer is yes

Elissa Magel – Master Plan should fit with development

Ken Simon – should building permits have notification about dock permits that are needed?

Sue Kirkpatrick – will there be a limit on dock lengths. Answer is not likely

John Randall – dock length is dictated by water depth

M. Janeczko adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Future Meetings scheduled at Lake Township Hall:

May 21, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

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