

## Lake Township Planning Commission

### Meeting Minutes

#### October 24, 2024 Meeting

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024, 5:00 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, Jackie Randall, Carl Lightfoot & Kyle Orr. Anna Grobe, Clerk Recording Secretary.

Others Present: Sue Brown, Tassie Boshier, Tom Kucera and Mary Pitcher.

Public input on agenda; None

Approval of the Minutes from August 22, 2024 and Special Meeting from September 5, 2024. Minutes from both meetings approved as presented.

Correspondence: Letter from the Crystal Lake and Watershed Association regarding the Zoning Ordinance Update Project. Monitoring results from 2023 show nutrient levels were unchanged in Crystal Lake.

Zoning Ordinance Review. John Rothhaar spoke of his disappointment with the lack of progress. Several calls to Beckett & Raeder have been made with no response. Discussion on how best to proceed. It was suggested that the members look at what sections of the Zoning Ordinance are the most important to start with and communicate this information to Beckett & Raeder. It was asked if someone would be willing to follow up with Beckett & Raeder on progress? Kyle Orr volunteered. Beckett & Raeder needs to contact Associations and Watershed Districts to advise on input, best practices and watershed provisions.

Schedule of meeting dates:

December 12, at 6:30- Planning Commission and Josh Mills.

January 9, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder

February 13, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder (Possible selection of Officers)

March 13, 2025 at 6:30- Planning Commission and Beckett & Raeder

The proposal from Beckett & Raeder did state that there would be a couple of meetings scheduled as well as a Public Hearing.

Other Zoning matters:

Discussion on generators, AC units/compressor (decks) should be considered structures for the purpose of setbacks. Josh is currently not issuing land use permits for decks. A copy of the section of the Zoning Ordinance was sent out for review. The definition of a structure states what **is** considered a structure. The language of what **is not** a little vague. This is one of the sections that will be under review and possibly updated.

Crystal Lake Watershed stated their appreciation for allowing them to be involved.

Kyle Orr asked Mary Pitcher if any other meetings were scheduled. After the first meeting interest has dropped off. Conservation District is working on meetings to assist people to make smarter decisions on water quality in the County.

Mark Janeczko has had contact with the Platte Lake Improvement Association about doing follow up inspections form Land Use Permits. Josh has been doing site visits and has given information to property owners. It was suggested that possibly high school students do a survey on lake property owner. It's necessary to educate property owners on what effects building and maintenance are having on waterways. John Ransom, Conservation District is a good resource.

Mary Pitcher state that she is doing follow up inspections especially around the lakes.

It was suggested that there be an additional fee for a LUP for follow up inspections.

Public Input: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.  
Scheduled meetings: December 12, 2024 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Anna Grobe, Clerk Recording Secretary  
October 24, 2024