

Lake Township Planning Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:30 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, Carl Lightfoot, Kyle Orr and Jackie Randall.

Others Present; Sara Kopriva, Beckett & Raeder; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Josh Mills , Zoning Administrator; Mary Pitcher, Twp Supervisor; Tom Kucera and others from Crystal Lake Watershed; John Ranson, Benzie Conservation Specialist

Public Input on Agenda; J. Rothhaar was contacted by Rebecca Hubers (Benzie County Emergency Manager) who wants to speak to the Township and/or Planning Commission regarding staging for trash collection in a major event such as an ice storm. The subject may occur at a PC meeting or a Township Board meeting.

Minutes from March 13, 2025 were approved as presented.

Zoning Ordinance Review; Sara Kopriva from Beckett & Raeder spoke on the current first draft. There was consensus that zoning around watersheds should be consistent. The public was invited to comment in the discussions about use of fertilizers, tree removal, lot coverage, development of slopes & ridge lines and impervious surfaces. Sara will continue work on the overlay districts. More discussion is needed for land use permits, dockages, private roads and road ends.

Public Input on other matters; A gentleman thanked the Planning Commission for their work.

J. Rothhaar adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Future meetings; May 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, June 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, August 21, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, October 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, December 18, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary
April 18, 2025