

**LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2011**

The **regular meeting** of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Dave Szumlinski.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Roll call**

by Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary. Present were Dave Szumlinski, Dale Hartsell, Jeff Krohn, Gordie Krueger, and Deb McBride. And approximately 6 guests in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Krohn asked that the minutes of April 27, 2011 be amended and that he stated that he had spoke to DTE not MG.

Motion by Hartsell, **to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 regular/public hearing meeting minutes with corrections of removing MG and changing to DTE** , seconded by McBride. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Motion by Krohn, **to approve the agenda with no additions**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Szumlinski read an email, received May 5, 2011 from Huron County Planning Commission stating that their Board has adopted a motion recommending concurrence with the Lake Township Wind Draft.

**Old Business:**

**Master Plan**

McBride read page 1, paragraph 2 of the Lake Township Master Plan regarding population and the census.

Szumlinski stated that when population figures are obtained from the Census Bureau for 2010 these figures can be updated. He further suggested to Board members that they look over and make suggestions regarding any amendments that will need to be made to the Master Plan.

**New Business**

**Planning and Zoning Saginaw Bay Watershed**

Szumlinski referred to the literature in their packets from MSU Planning and Zoning Center and that this was for the members to review on their own time.

## **Annual Report**

Szumlinski stated that the Planning Commission is required to submit an annual report to the Lake Township Board of Trustees and was accused by a member of that Board for not submitting a report. He presented a document he put together for members to look at with a breakdown of zoning amendments the Planning Commission had worked on in the past year. He added that according Michigan Planning and Zoning guidelines, this report is not due until 63 days after publication of the Enabling Act. According to his records an annual report from this Planning Commission is not due until June 2011.

Szumlinski added that also in the member's packets was an email sent to Ms. McCallum, clerk requesting copies of any annual reports and By-Laws for the years 2004-2009. She responded by saying that these items were a requirement of the ordinance that was adopted last year in 2010.

Szumlinski stated that he would like to submit this report that the members were looking at to the Township Board for their June meeting.

Hartsell questioned the content of this report.

Szumlinski answered that if the Township would like the report to contain anything further they can ask that it be included.

Motion by Hartsell, **to submit the Annual Report to the Lake Township Board of Trustees for the June 20, 2011 meeting**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Zoning Administrator's Reports**

Szumlinski stated he had met with Arnie Russell, Lake Township's Zoning Administrator, and discussed possible ways of keeping the Planning Commission informed on violations in the Township. They drafted a form for Mr. Russell to submit complaints and violations on a monthly basis.

Members reviewed May violations.

## **Public Comments**

Jim Simmons asked the Board how Lake Township can charge people \$25 to put a boat hoist in federal waters.

Lou Bushey has called the Corp. of Engineers, and was told that Lake Township has no jurisdiction over what goes in the water. Also, he asked that the Planning Commission look into amending the ordinance that would allow people to have a 3-car garage in the R-1 district.

Jeanne Williams commended Deb McBride for her interest in finding out more about a Property Protection Plan for the Wind Draft.

Krueger answered that in regard to abandoned boat hoists, those with a tag are easier to find the owner.

Simmons commented that Lake Township should just require registration and no \$25 fee.

Krueger agreed that the size requirements for R-1 garage issue should be looked into.

No more public comments.

Motion by Hartsell **to adjourn**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary