

**LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 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, Deb McBride, Jeff Krohn and Gordon Krueger along with approximately 8 guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by McBride, to accept the **minutes of the May 25, 2011 regular meeting**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Lisa Konke stated that an email regarding boat hoist placement was received from Conrad Przystup and she would like this included under correspondence as she mistakenly for got to add it when she prepared the agenda.

Szumlinski stated that he would like to add Section 1203.4 and 705.1 regarding accessory structures to the agenda.

Motion by Hartsell, **to approve the agenda with the addition the email received from Conrad Przystup and review of Section 1203.4 and 705.1**, seconded by McBride. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

McBride read a letter received on June 16, 2011, from Tom and Myra Pierce, regarding Champagne Road and that they along with other residents would like Lake Township to look into lowering the speed limit to 25 mph.

McBride read email received June 14, 2011, from Conrad Przystup, regarding an email he received in June of 2009 from Mark Lesinski, of the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers. This email was an answer to a question Mr. Przystup emailed to the USACE regarding boat hoist placement in the waters of Lake Huron. The answer from the Mr. Lesinski was, "...So yes a township can also require you to have a permit for a boat hoist."

**Old Business:**

**Master Plan – Review Section 2.0 to 2.3**

Szumlinski referred to Section 2.0 of the Lake Township Master Plan. He stated that the majority of the amendments will occur in this section due to population and current census information. He added that MSU will be looking over Lake Townships Master Plan and recommending information with regard to watersheds. He suggested the Planning Commission members review these sections for the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Property Split – Boytim, 3649 Port Austin Road**

Szumlinski stated that this property owner would like to split his 100' (foot) lot back into 2-50' (foot) lots. He added that the Planning Commission has no jurisdiction to do this.

**Election of Officers**

Motion by Hartsell, **to elect Szumlinski as Chairman of the Lake Township Planning Commission**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Szumlinski, **to elect Krohn as Vice Chairman of the Lake Township Planning Commission**, seconded by Hartsell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Szumlinski, **to elect McBride as Secretary of the Lake Township Planning Commission**, seconded by Hartsell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Review By-Laws**

Szumlinski presented a draft of By-Laws which he offered to the Board to look over.

McBride asked where this document had come from.

Szumlinski stated that he obtained the draft from the internet and amended it to suit the Lake Township Planning Commission.

Members read over and discussed portions of the proposed By-Laws.

Szumlinski added that he suggests adding to the 2012 schedule the Election of Officers and Annual Report to the month of April.

Motion by Szumlinski, **to adopt the Lake Township Planning Commission Bylaws**, seconded by Krueger.

Roll Call: Szumlinski; aye, McBride; aye, Hartsell; aye, Krueger; aye, Krohn; aye. Motion carried.

**Accessory Structures and Waterfront Easements (agenda addition)**

Szumlinski offered that in regard to Section 705.5, he feels this Board should look into increasing the allowed square footage in the R-1 district for accessory structures.

Board members discussed the recent Shuttleworth ZBA hearing.

Szumlinski added that in regard to Section 1203.4, he is baffled that boat hoists are required to be perpendicular to the shore. He feels that Lake Township could be held responsible if we start telling people where they can put boat hoists. Lake Township has no control over private easements.

Hartsell suggested checking with the USACE.

## **Zoning Administrators Report**

Members reviewed the monthly report submitted by Arnie Russell, Lake Township Zoning Administrator.

### **Public Comments:**

Lou Colletta commented regarding the Master Plan and that he would like to know will be looking at our Master Plan.

Szumliniski stated that was a misunderstanding. The Great Lakes Restoration/EPA will be looking at and making suggestions regarding Lake Townships Master Plan.

Val McCallum commented that she has placed a water quality article on the table for review by those interested. It addresses run-off from large livestock farms.

Yvonne Bushey commented on the watershed project and that what is trying to be done is to improve the water quality.

No more public comments.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.**

Next regular Planning Commission meeting, July 27, 2011, 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary