

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2011

The **regular meeting** of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Dave Szumlinski.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call

by Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary. Present were Dave Szumlinski, Jeff Krohn, and Deb McBride. And approximately 5 guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by McBride, **to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 regular meeting minutes**, seconded by Krohn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Szumlinski, **to approve the agenda with the addition of easements to new business**, seconded by Krohn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Old Business:

None

New Business

Recreational Vehicle Use on vacant property

Szumlinski stated that the Lake Township Board of Trustees voted down the Recreational Vehicle use on vacant properties ordinance amendment that was recommended by this Planning Commission. He added that he thinks the Township Board would like to see the current ordinance improved and that the amendments that were offered at the time was not something Board agreed with.

Szumlinski offered that he would like this Board to suggest that the year be divided into quarters and that 18 days per quarter be allowed without a special use permit. This would be less restrictive.

Krohn feels that this would be a great improvement.

McBride asked if sanitation was the main issue.

Szumlinski that the proposed amendment that was voted down, would have allowed for recreational vehicle use for the entire Cheeseburger festival without a special use permit.

He suggested the following:

Jan., Feb, March April, May, June July, Aug., Sept, Oct., Nov., Dec.

Each quarter would have 18 days available for recreational vehicle use without a special use permit.

Krohn agrees with this idea.

Szumliniski suggests tabling the issue until a full Board is present.

Boat Hoists and Easements

Szumliniski addressed the documents regarding waterfront easements and boat hoists that was provided by Lake Township Clerk, Val McCallum. He added that Lake Township has no jurisdiction on where anyone has to place hoist in the water. Further, we have no authority to enforce private easements.

Krohn asked if our zoning ordinance should be amended to remove private easements.

Szumliniski offered that he would like address this at a future meeting when a full Board is present.

Board members discussed possibly amending Section 705.C also.

Zoning Administrator's Reports

Members reviewed June violations.

Szumliniski stated that he would like to add an address line to the form Arnie submits so members will know where these violations occurred.

Public Comments

Walt Kloc thanked the Planning Commission for addressing the boat hoist issue in Lake Township. He stated that he has attended meetings for years and has been present while this issue was being drafted. He added that Valerie McCallum generated the boat hoist issue. Further, the Huron County Planning Commission, recommended this ordinance no be adopted. He supplied Board members with documents from the HCPC as well as a copy of the newspaper article from 2004 regarding the special meeting that took place on May 6, 2004.

No more public comments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary