

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 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, Jeff Krohn, Gordon Krueger, and Dale Hartsell. Deb McBride, absent. And approximately 5 guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Krohn, **to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2011 regular meeting minutes**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda

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

Correspondence

None

Old Business:

None

New Business

Recreational Vehicle Use on vacant property

Szumliniski stated that during the July Planning Commission meeting not all of the members were present and discussion occurred regarding Recreational Vehicle use on vacant properties. He feels that Township Board would like to amend the current ordinance but were not in agreement with the proposed amendment presented.

Szumliniski 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 agrees with this. It will give property owners a chance to use their vacant land.

Szumliniski

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.

Krueger said he would personally like to see more days offered than 18 days. This is a vacation area.

Krohn commented that this problem has been going on for 2 years.

Motion by Hartsell, **to table Recreational Vehicle Use on vacant property until the September meeting**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Boat Hoists and Easements

Szumliniski stated that the \$25.00 registration for boat hoists is a one time fee. You never have to renew it.

Szumliniski referred to Section 1203.4 of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance. He referred to the letter from township attorney Walt Salens stating that Lake Township does not have jurisdiction over private easements. So this ordinance section is incorrect when it states that no more than 2 hoists are allowed on easements.

Board members discussed possibly amending Section 1203.4 as according to Salens the township cannot enforce this section.

Szumliniski also referred to the part of this section that pertains to the perpendicular placement of hoists. He feels this is a possible lawsuit for Lake Township.

Krueger agreed that this section should be changed.

Krohn suggested that perhaps this Board look into eliminating A to D of Section 1203.4.

Krueger stated that by requiring a sticker, the owner of a boat can be traced should it be abandoned.

Motion by Hartsell, **to table Boat Hoists and Easements until the September meeting**, seconded by Krohn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Reports

Members reviewed July violations.

Public Comments

Jim Simmons commented that he can not understand why a registration is required for a boat hoist.

Szumliniski answered that is easier to trace broken or abandoned hoists.

Larry Crews asked where the break line is on the water.

No more public comments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary