

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 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, and Paul Golsch, new member. And approximately 15 guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hartsell, **to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2011 regular meeting minutes with the amendment of changing the word without to with**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda

Szumlinski asked that in the future, he would like to have Zoning Administrators Report at the bottom of Old Business.

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

Correspondence

None

Old Business:

Recreational Vehicle Use on vacant property

Jeff Krohn took a seat away from the Board table and excused himself from discussion due to a conflict of interest regarding recreational vehicle use on vacant property.

Szumlinski stated that this Board has been discussing adding more days to Lake Township's ordinance and splitting the year into quarters. 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 with a special use permit.

Krueger agrees.

Golsch offered that his concerns with this are the sanitation issues. Also, should the Board consider adding something regarding primitive camping?

Motion by Krueger, **to forward amended ordinance of Section 1202.4, Paragraph D. to Walt Salens, Lake Township Attorney for legalities**, seconded by Golsch.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, abstained. **Motion carried.**

Boat Hoists and Easements

Szumlinski referred to Section 1203.4 of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance. He commented on Sections A., B., C., and D. and read the letter from township attorney Walt Salens stating that Lake Township does not have jurisdiction over private easements. His suggestion to the Board is that

the entire Section 1203.4 be removed and rescinded from Lake Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Golsch, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph A. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Krueger.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Krohn, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph B. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Krueger.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Krueger, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph C. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Krohn.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Hartsell, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph D. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Golsch.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Szumlinski, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph E. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Krohn.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Szumlinski, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph F. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Golsch.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Krohn, **to remove and rescind Section 1203.4, Paragraph G. from the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance**, seconded by Krueger.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Krueger, **to forward the removal and rescind of Section 1203.4, to Walt Salens, Lake Township Attorney for legalities**, seconded by Krohn.

Roll Call: Szumlinski, aye. Golsch, aye. Hartsell, aye. Krueger, aye. Krohn, aye. **Motion carried.**

Zoning Administrator's Reports

Konke offered that the Zoning Administrator's Report being viewed by the Board was the same type of report that is submitted to the Lake Township Board of Trustees. This report has the violations that occurred during the month, and if followed month to month, the outcome of those violations can be followed.

Members reviewed August violations.

New Business

Use of Firearms

Szumlinski referred to the document in the member's packets titled Sheridan Township Firearms Discharge Ordinance and that this document was copied and made specific to Lake Township. He stated that this was for review only. He added that recently there was an incident on Sand Road and Quarry Road in which some individuals were shooting in the late hours disturbing neighbors. Law enforcement officers were not able to do anything regarding this situation. It was suggested

that perhaps if Lake Township had an ordinance in place regarding the use of firearms, this could be easier to enforce.

Szumliniski added that he was suggesting to this Board that the members look over these documents and see if this is something that would benefit Lake Township or if it should be amended by adding or deleting items.

Motion by Hartsell, **to table Use of Firearms**, seconded by Krueger. All Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments

Mike Bilkie commented that he does not agree with restricting the use of firearms in Lake Township.

Tory Geilhart commented that as a long time resident (34 years) of Lake Township, he is appalled that this township would draft or even consider an ordinance that would affect the people's 2nd amendment right to bear arms all because of one incident. He added that this issue should be tabled and not addressed again.

Richard McIlhargie commented that if he understands the situation correctly, the individuals shooting the guns, their property borders state land.

No more public comments.

Szumliniski asked the Planning Commission members if they had any discussion on the use of firearms issue.

Hartsell stated that he feels Lake Township should not touch this issue.

Krohn stated that he did not accept his appointment to the Planning Commission to adopt new ordinances, he feels the Lake Township's Zoning Ordinance need to be gone through and updated.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary