

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2012

The **public hearing** 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, absent Paul Golsch and Dale Hartsell. Along with approximately 2 guests.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Krohn, **to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 public/regular meeting minutes**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Krueger, **to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 special use hearing/Depner minutes**, seconded by Szumlinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Krueger, **to approve the agenda with the addition of a Detroit News article regarding boat docks and boating laws**, seconded by Krohn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Szumlinski read email received from Scott and Nikki Hornbacker in favor of repealing the proposed zoning amendments to Section 1203.4.

Golsch read letter received from Linda Collins in favor of repealing the proposed zoning amendments to Section 1203.4.

Old Business:

Rural Residential

Szumlinski offered that this Board has yet to receive a reply from Walt Salens on the legalities of the proposed amendment to the rural residential district in regards to size requirements for accessory and garage structures.

Zoning Amendments to Section 1202.4 and 1203.4

Szumlinski stated that this Board has also not received a response from the Huron County Planning Commission on their recommendations to the proposed amendments to Section 1020.4 and 1203.4 regarding Waterfront Easements and the Use of Recreational Vehicles. He offered a motion, that if a response is received before the Board of Trustees meeting of April 16, 2012, that he forward this to the be added to the agenda for that meeting.

Motion by Szumlinski, **to send the recommendations of the Huron County Planning Commission pertaining to the proposed zoning amendment of Section 1202.4 and 1203.4 to the Lake Township Board of Trustees**, seconded by Krueger. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Boat Docks and Boating Laws

Board members discussed the Detroit News and Huron Daily Tribune articles regarding boat docks and boating laws.

Wall Heights

Szumlinski offered that this Board has yet to receive a reply from Walt Salens on the legalities of the proposed amendment regarding wall heights. He suggests this Board table this until the next meeting in April.

Motion by Szumlinski to **table Wall Heights until a response is received from Walt Salens**, seconded by Krohn. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

None

Public Comments

Larry Murdoch commented that he feels the proposed wall height of 14 feet that is being suggested for garages is not adequate and that he feels the height should be allowed to be 16 feet. He added that at the January meeting, he also suggested that lot coverage for a rural residential parcel should be 3 % coverage for garages and accessory structures, and that Mr. Krohn did not agree with that coverage. Further, he doesn't feel that public comments are taken into consideration.

Szumlinski answered that this Board takes all public comments into consideration and that Mr. Murdoch's comments are only one person's point of view.

Krohn answered that he felt 3 % lot coverage was better suited for an agriculture parcel. He pointed out that this issue is in a residential area.

Murdoch commented that he also feels the proposed square footage this Board is suggesting be raised from 4800 sq. ft. to 6000 sq. ft. He also asked why these possible amendments were sent to Walt Salens.

Szumlinski answered that Walt Salens was reviewing these issues for legalities.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next regular Planning Commission meeting, April 25, 2012, 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Konke, Recording Secretary