

**LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2012**

The **regular meeting** of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Paul Golsch.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Golsch asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Robert T. Smith, Lake Township Supervisor.

**Roll call**

by Lisa Zadrzynski, Recording Secretary. Present were Paul Golsch, Gordon Krueger, Dave Szumlinski, and Lynette Rose. Absent was Dale Hartsell. Along with approximately 8 guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Golsch, **to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes**, seconded by Szumlinski. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Golsch offered that he would like to add 2 items to correspondence from Walt Salens, Section 705.4 to old business and MSU Watershed packet to new business

Motion by Golsch, **to approve the agenda with these additions**, seconded by Szumlinski. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Golsch read a fax received on June 21, 2012 from Walt Salens, attorney regarding the proposed amendments to Sections 605.4, 705.4 and 805.1.

Golsch read an email received by Robert Smith on June 14, 2012 from Walt Salens, attorney regarding placing the wind turbine ordinance on the November 2012 ballot and that petition is needed.

**Old Business:**

**Zoning Amendments 1202.4-Use of Recreational Equipment**

Golsch stated that the Lake Township Board of Trustees has asked this Board to look at The proposed amendments to Section 1202.4 regarding the use of recreational equipment and perhaps allow for a space to be inserted in between the allowed days so as to Prevent a long term stay of 28 continuous days.

Golsch added that he has checked with 2 neighboring townships and they do not have an Ordinance in effect. Caseville Township allows 14 days, once a year and the City of Caseville has a very limited ordinance.

Golsch offered that the Township Board of Trustees can change the proposed Amendments if they choose to rather than the planning commission starting over again.

Szumliniski recommended tabling this issue until the July meeting.

Motion by Szumlinski, to **table Use of Recreational Equipment**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Proposed Zoning Amendments to Section 605.4, 705.4, and 805.1**

Board members discussed the proposed amendments and noted an error in the written portion of 705.4 pertaining to square footage. The secretary will correct this.

Szumliniski suggested scheduling a public hearing for 6:30pm, July 25, 2012.

Motion by Szumlinski, to **schedule a public hearing for the proposed zoning amendments for July 25, 2012 at 6:30pm**, seconded by Rose. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **MSU Watershed Packet**

Golsch referred the documents received from MSU regarding the master plan suggestions And that the Board members should look over these for the next meeting.

Szumliniski suggested that this Board should schedule a workshop meeting to work on The updating of the master plan.

Motion by Szumlinski. **to schedule a workshop meeting for Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 6:30 pm**, seconded by Krueger. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Review size requirements for decks in R-1 district**

Golsch offered that he has spoken to Tory Geilhart, Lake Township Building Inspector and that perhaps this Board could look at amending the 300 sq. ft. limit on decks on lakefront properties as follows. Parcels under 11,999 sq ft and under would be allowed a deck area of a maximum of 300 sq ft. Also, parcels 12,000 sq ft and larger would be allowed a deck area of 800 sq ft.

### **Public Comments**

Larry Murdoch asked for clarification of the proposed amendment as to high the wall Height would be if this amendment passes.

Lou Colletta commented on wall height. Also, he questioned the upcoming ZBA hearing Of July 9, 2012 and whether the property would be willing to wait for the size of decks in The R-1 district to be made larger. He asked the board why the second public comments Portion was not approved, where Mr. Szumlinski's thought process came from when This issue was discussed.

Walt Kloc commented that he has been attending township meetings for at least 15 Years and there was always discussion back and forth among residents and the board. He asked Szumlinski to clarify what he meant when he said that the majority of lake-Front lots were small, as this is a general statement. He added that at the public hearing For the R-1 deck size limit of 300 sq ft, there was a lot of opposition and that Bill Osborne stated that he would vote for the amendment provided the planning commission Start working on amending it to allow for more square footage.

Lou Bushey commented that the during the administration for the previous planning commission, a deck could not be built up to the seawall.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zadrzynski, Recording Secretary