

**Lake Township Planning Commission**  
**November 20, 2013**  
**Approved minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Chairman Jerry Pobanz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call- Bob Siver, Jerry Pobanz, Nicole Collins, Ric Geilhart, and Clay Kelterborn all present. Two guests.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Siver to accept the October 23, 2013 minutes, seconded by Collins. Motion carried all ayes.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion made by Pobanz to accept the agenda, seconded by Siver. Motion carried all ayes.

**Correspondence:** Pobanz acknowledged the email from Keith and Linda Hoffman, Jean Driscoll and Jim and Jan Piana pertaining to the light situation at 5342 Port Austin Rd. Pobanz also read an email from Tony Messina stating he strongly objects to the plastic (resin) sheds on beach side (R1).

**Public comments:** Victor Rohner stated that he thought the small plastic sheds should be allowed across from their homes on the lake side. He thought it would be better than having people running back and forth across M-25 carrying things to and from the beach area.

**New business:** None

**Old business:** Wind Ordinance

The Planning Commission members discussed what they thought to be important for the Wind Ordinance. Members discussed if the setbacks should be the same for leased or non-leased properties, participants or non participants. If they should start with 1640 ft. for a setback from property line because that is the safety setback for workers. If the setback should be 2 times the height (leased) or 3 times the height (not leased) from the property line. (Height of turbine) Setbacks for the natural features: Three miles from the Lake, one mile from rivers and Rush Lake. Siver suggested 1700 ft. setbacks from property line for safety based on the calculations of a professor from Cornell University. Kelterborn suggested getting some kind of documentation on the calculations. There was discussion between members on other wind ordinances being turned down due to them being too restrictive for the developers. Siver stated that we don't want to compromise the safety issue. Geilhart commented that we are working on this wind ordinance for the people, not the developers. Kelterborn stated we need to set strict perimeters but not too restrictive. Pobanz suggested 1320 ft. setbacks and working the setbacks on maps as a place to start. The discussion then turned to noise (decibels) shadow flicker, decommissioning, avian, wildlife and complaint resolution.

Bob Siver suggested writing letters to the manufacturers to see what they would suggest for safety. Collins said she would edit the rough draft with the new ideas and information from the meeting. Kelterborn said he would try to work on the maps. A motion was made by Kelterborn to table the Wind Ordinance until the next meeting Wednesday December 18, 2013 at 6p.m., seconded by Siver. All ayes motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelterborn to table the tabled and pending issues until the January meeting so the members could focus on the Wind Ordinance, seconded by Pobanz. All ayes motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Some discussion among members and guests on the lighting ordinance; Victor Rohner doesn't agree with the Lake Township ordinances telling property owners what they can't do on their own property. After more discussion a motion was made by Kelterborn to adjourn meeting, seconded by Siver. All ayes motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.**

Next meeting December 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kim Simpson, Recording Secretary