

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2015
Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. In attendance were Planning Commission members: Jerry Pobanz, Clay Kelterborn and Bob Siver. Absent were: Nicole Collins and Todd Gordon. There was one audience member.

Motion by Kelterborn to approve February 25, 2015 minutes, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Siver to change agenda by deferring Tory Geilhart's reworking of nonconformity wording until April 22, 2015 meeting, seconded by Pobanz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelterborn to approve agenda with change, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

There was no public comment at this time.

Siver apprised the members of a discussion at the County Health Department meeting regarding the spraying for mosquitoes. He said it is most likely cost prohibitive for Lake Township to undertake this alone, but that they are spraying in Tuscola County. He said that the County is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which are disease spreading. He also stated that the DNR is not on board because of the effects to the eco system. Pobanz stated that expense is a concern.

Kelterborn asked if the Health Department has discussed health concerns with regard to wind turbines. Siver said the Health Department has not had a discussion on the matter.

Pobanz presented the Annual Report for April 2014 – March 2015. He highlighted the completion of a comprehensive wind ordinance and the completion of the lighting ordinance. The Planning Commission is moving forward with defining side yard setback, ordinance wording and the Master Plan. Motion by Kelterborn to accept Annual Report and forward to Board of Trustees, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission will review their cost center line items at the January meeting of each calendar year. Kelterborn said they should identify the scope of upcoming projects and budget accordingly. Outside consultants should be budgeted for regarding mining, updating of the Master Plan and, as needed when determined. Pobanz would like see a scope of projects report and the proposed budget, completed by the conclusion of the January meeting and then forward them to the Board of Trustees.

The Planning Commission reviewed the by-laws of 2011 and recommended the following changes. Motion by Kelterborn to move the minutes from Sect. 1, E to Sect. 2, I, and to

preface this section with, ‘The PC reserves the prerogative to retain a recording secretary’, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion held on rescheduled meetings. If a regular meeting must be rescheduled due to illness, weather, lack of quorum, etc, it will be rescheduled as a special meeting. Motion by Kelterborn to add rescheduled meetings to Sect. 2, A, new paragraph 3, seconded by Pobanz. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Siver to change Sect 1, A, from February to April, seconded by Kelterborn. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Siver to add preparation of annual budget and meeting schedule in January, to Sect. 3, new subsection I, seconded by Kelterborn. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Siver to remove Sect.6. Sect.7 will then become Sect. 6, seconded by Kelterborn. All ayes. Motion carried. Kelterborn feels that the by-laws need to look more official and would like to review changes when a full board is in attendance.

Kelterborn asked that the election of officers be tabled until the April meeting when a full board is in attendance. Motion by Kelterborn to table election of officers, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission has set the following schedule for their 2015 – 2016 regular meetings: April 22, 2015; May 27, 2015; June 24, 2015; July 22, 2015; August 26, 2015; September 23, 2015; October 28, 2015; November 18, 2015; December 16, 2015; January 27, 2016; February 24, 2016; March 23, 2016. All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. with the exception of the November through February meetings which will begin at 6:00 pm. Motion by Kelterborn to accept the meeting schedule, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pobanz to table review of Master Plan, seconded by Kelterborn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pobanz asked if all rezoning requests are sent to the county for review. Kelterborn said that it is a matter of protocol.

Although the topic of fracking will be a subject for discussion at a later date, Pobanz said that he doesn’t see where the Township will be able to do much with zoning, because we are pre-empted by the State in this matter. During public comment, Lou Colletta said the Township can make stipulations in the contract with the company.

April agenda items:

1. Election of officers
2. Review by-laws and meeting schedule
3. Zachary Branigan, Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy
4. Tory Geilhart, reworking of nonconformity wording

Future Agenda items:

1. Master Plan review
2. Mining ordinance/fracking

Motion by Kelterborn to adjourn, seconded by Siver. All ayes. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Maryanne Williams, Deputy Clerk