

Lake Township, Huron County
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Approved Minutes

(Due to Covid-19 and Gov. Whitmer's Executive Orders this meeting was held via teleconference)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Planning Commission members in attendance were Bob Siver, Tim Lalley, Jerry Pobanz, Nicole Collins and Maryanne Williams. There were two guests.

Motion by Collins, second by Lalley to approve the agenda with as presented. Roll call: Lalley, Collins, Pobanz, Williams and Siver. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Collins, second by Lalley to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021. Roll call: Collins, Pobanz, Williams, Siver and Lalley. All ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Old Business

Draft Zoning Ordinance-Solar: At the February meeting, Lalley and Pobanz said that they would try to make contact with a speaker knowledgeable in solar energy to address the PC at the March meeting. They however, were unable to schedule a speaker. George Lauinger, who is a member of the Huron County Planning Commission and is the technician in charge of our township's virtual meetings, shared with the PC some of the ways that the county PC is handling the zoning for small, medium and large Solar Energy Systems (SES). He stressed that the discussion is still in the working phase and not yet near completion. The PC members will consider this new information and continue their work on solar zoning at the April meeting.

New Business

PC Regular Meeting Schedule for April 2021-March 2022: Motion by Collins, second by Lalley to approve the 2021-2022 meeting schedule as presented. Roll call: Pobanz, Siver, Williams, Collins and Lalley. All ayes, motion carried.

PC By-laws: Motion by Pobanz, second by Collins to accept the by-laws as presented. Roll call: Lalley, Siver, Pobanz, Collins and Williams. All ayes, motion carried.

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary: Motion by Williams, second by Collins to retain Bob Siver as Chair, Tim Lalley as Vice-Chair and Williams as Secretary. All were agreeable to keeping their positions. Roll call: Collins, Pobanz, Lalley, Siver and Williams. All ayes, motion carried.

Annual Report from PC Chair: Siver was reminded that the PC Chair's Annual Report will be due to the Clerk by April 15th so that it may be included in the Board meeting packets.

Items for Future Discussion

- Recreation Plan

Public Comment: Valerie McCallum, Supervisor informed the PC that the State will no longer allow virtual meetings as of March 31, 2021. All meetings going forward must be in person. Due to its size the Lake Township Hall is not able to accommodate in person meetings and to allow for safe social distancing at the same time. An alternative site would be the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center; however they will not be open for scheduling until May 1st. Unless there is a stay on the virtual meeting order, April Board and PC meetings may need to be cancelled. Motion by Lalley, second by Pobanz to cancel the April PC meeting if the virtual option is not extended. Roll call: Pobanz, Collins, Siver, Lalley and Williams. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Lalley, second by Pobanz to adjourn. Roll call: Pobanz, Siver, Collins, Lalley and Williams. All ayes, Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Reminders:

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be: Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Maryanne Williams, Deputy Clerk