

**Lake Township Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday April 23, 2025**  
**4988 W. Kinde Rd, Caseville MI 48275**  
**Approved Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Siver at the Lake Township Hall.

**Roll call:** Bob Siver, Nicole Collins, Tim Quinn, Matt Pryor present. Keith Hoffman absent.

Five (5) in-person present and Five (5) guests virtually.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Collins to approve the agenda, seconded by Quinn. All in favor motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Collins to approve the March 12, 2025 Minutes, seconded Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

**Adoption of Bylaws for April 2025-March 2026.** Motion by Collins to approve Bylaws, seconded Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

**Annual Election of Officers** Collins motioned for Siver as Chairman seconded by Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

Siver motioned Quinn as VP Chairman, seconded by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Collins motioned Hoffman as Secretary, seconded by Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Building Permit Report for March 2025. No comments.

Zoning Report for March 2025. No comments.

Letter dated 4/7/2025 from Land Plan, Inc.

Letter dated 4/20/2025 from Driftwood Lavender Farm

**Public Comments-** Public comment in solid support of the Driftwood Lavender Farm was received virtually and physically from the following individuals:

Mary Babcock	Commissioner, Huron County
Mark and Julie Mozdzen	7087 A Drive, Lake Township
Ken Kappa	Board of Trustees Lake Township
Susan Philbrick	4364 Port Austin Road, Lake Township (virtually)
Michael & Jennifer Chapman	4622 Trail Road, Lake Township (virtually)
Ed Weiss	3583 Port Austin Road, Lake Township (virtually)
Brad & Sylvia Winningham	4864 Bay Drive, Caseville (virtually)
Jackeline R.	7030 Patti Sue Drive, Caseville Twp. (virtually)
Mark Anderson & Alicia Tatham	6789 Oak Beach Rd. Port Austin (virtually)

Siver stated that much of our consultants (Land Plan) letter had to do with the Zoning Ordinance and is important to follow the protocol. Collins indicated to Babcock that the documents that they received, don't have the documentation required. It does not provide the square footage; they don't describe the buildings so we are lacking the detailed information that is required.

Siver stated that we are zoning a piece of property so the legal documentation needs to be accurately intact. As the planning commission that is their responsibility to do so.

Babcock stated that as others see it, they feel the Township is trying to shut them down. Siver said frankly that is a ridiculous statement. Babcock replied saying she forwarded the document to the State Senator, State Representative, The County Planning Commission, Siver asked that Babcock provide the list of people that she sent the LandPlan letter to. Babcock replied with the following names: Dan Lauers, Greg Alexander, Phil Green and Jeff Smith.

### **Old Business**

Chairperson Siver read aloud Letter dated 4/7/2025 from Land Plan, Inc.

Chairperson Siver read aloud Letter dated 4/20/2025 from Driftwood Lavender Farm

The Planning Commission discussed items that were alluded to in the correspondence and agreed that the applicants needed to provide the 12 items of documentation that were explicitly defined in the Landplan letter under the heading "Completeness of the Application" (that included references to the articles and sections of the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance that mandated their inclusion).

Collins noted special events that Driftwood Lavender would like to incorporate into their plan would require greater detail. Extended hours and days of operation including parking accommodations would need to be considered and properly spelled out.

Siver, suggest we wait for any further action to be taken until we have an adequate site plan and application.

Quinn states without the details that need to be explained there is not a whole lot that they can do at this point.

Pryor indicated that they need to see the amended site plan.

### **Public Comments**

Applicants Mark Anderson and Alicia Tathum were provided an opportunity to make statements to and ask questions of the Planning Commission. Ms. Tathum stated she didn't understand what she needed to do to correct the site plan/application and was referred to the "Completeness of the Application" portion of the Landplan letter.

Mr. Anderson stated that “Lake Township” was responsible for the applicants’ decision to pursue a PUD but was unable to provide the name of the specific Lake Township (or officials) he was alluding to. Mr. Anderson questioned the credentials of Mark Eidelson (of Landplan).

Both applicants stated they had received permission to make changes to their parking lot from then Lake Township Zoning Administrator Tory Geilhardt.

Mr. Anderson stated that the applicants had been holding special events at the PUD (until directed to cancel an event scheduled for earlier this year) because they were unaware that such events were prohibited (describing an event that had been attended by the current Township Zoning Administrator).

Mr. Anderson suggested that it was unreasonable for Lake Township to require PUD compliance with the Zoning Ordinance when it was not enforcing the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Motioned by Collins for next meeting, seconded by Quinn, Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
All in favor, motion carried.

Motioned by Siver to adjourn, seconded by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.