

Lake Township Newsletter

On the sandy shores of Lake Huron from Gagetown Road to Oak Beach County Park

Winter Issue

December 2011

WIND ORDINANCE

The Lake Township Board of Trustees, at the meeting of June 20, 2011, adopted the Wind Energy Overlay Zoning ordinance (by a vote of 4-ayes/1 nay). This overlay was recommended by the Planning Commission.

- July 6, 2011, a **notice of intent to file a petition for referendum** was received by the Lake Township Clerk.
- July 27, 2011, nine pages of 102 petition signatures were received by the Lake Township Clerk.
- February 28, 2012, Wind Ordinance Vote

The wind draft that was adopted can be viewed online at Lake Township's website. Please visit www.laketownship.net for updates on this matter.

COMMENTS REQUESTED

The Lake Township Planning Commission at its last meeting of November 16, 2011, began discussions on the ordinance governing the dimensions of accessory structures in the **Rural Residential District**. Current zoning allows maximums of: 1728 sq. ft. floor space, 12 ft. high side walls, and a ridge height of 21 ft. Some members of the commission feel this may be too restrictive and should be amended.

Your comments on this matter are requested and should be submitted by January 20, 2012, for the next planning commission meeting on January 25, 2012, if you are a property owner in Lake Township. You may also attend this meeting in person.

Respectfully yours,
Paul Golsch, Planning Commission Secretary

BOARD OF REVIEW

Members: Louis Bushey, Vivian Osborne, and Len Pilato.
Alternates: Neil Roehner and Mary Wojtysiak

The Board will meet December 13, 2011 at 7:30pm for the correction of clerical errors and mutual mistakes.

The March Board of Review organizational meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of March. Additional dates in March will be scheduled for property owners who wish to protest their assessments. More information will be listed on the website in late February. Please visit www.laketownship.net for these dates and times.

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS...

The Planning Commission is currently working on updating the Lake Township Master Plan. Also, Deb McBride, Planning Commission Secretary, has resigned.
Paul Golsch, Lake Township resident was appointed to fill the position.
Visit www.laketownship.net to view the entire Lake Township Zoning Ordinance Book.

From the Clerk's Desk...

Next year, 2012, will be a big election year beginning on February 28, 2012 with a presidential primary. On that date Lake Township voters will also have an opportunity to vote on the Wind Ordinance adopted by the Township Board on June 20, 2011. The wind ordinance is available for review on the township's website, www.laketownship.net.

Elections for township offices as well as county and state offices also occur in 2012. Persons interested in running for office may contact me at 989.856.7485 for nominating petitions and forms or they can be picked up from the County Clerk's office.

For voters interested in receiving applications to vote by absentee ballot, an application is available at www.laketownship.net under *Elections*.

Also available on the township website under *Elections* is a form you can return requesting your name be added to a permanent **absentee voter list**. By submitting that form, you will automatically be sent an absentee ballot **application** for each individual election (which you can then return if you wish to vote). A ballot will not be sent to you unless the application specific to that election is returned.

For the August Primary and November General elections, any voters on the permanent absentee voter list will receive a single application for both elections. This application needs to be completed for both elections in order to receive a ballot for each election. Please complete the application in its entirety, checking the appropriate boxes for either or both elections. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989.856.7485. **All election mail can be sent to me at P O Box 610, Caseville, MI 48725 or deposited in the Clerk's Election drop box at the Lake Township hall.**

Best wishes and a thank you to Deputy Clerk Kathleen Bolton for her many years of service to Lake Township residents. Kathleen brought a wealth of experience to Lake Township from her former position as Deputy Clerk at Ray Township (Macomb County). Her experience and professionalism will be missed.

Lastly, I encourage Lake Township residents and property owners to sign up for our email list in order to keep up to date on township meetings. Send a request to info@laketownship.net. Information and notices, including meetings and agendas, are also posted on the township's website. **A public hearing on zoning ordinance amendments regarding boat hoists and camping on vacant property is scheduled for January 25, 2012.** The notice and proposed amendments will be available on the website prior to the hearing.

Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Building Department

Lake Township's Building Department requires you to have a permit for **window replacements**. Tory Geilhart, Building Inspector, is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

2012 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Our recycling program is being handled by Diva Disposal. Volunteers are no longer needed. Effective October 1, 2010 the list of acceptable recycle items was updated by Diva. Lists of acceptable items are available upon request at the Lake Township Transfer Station or visit our website at www.laketownship.net

Recycling hours are from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the third Sunday of the month.

Please **DO NOT** drop off recyclables at the Transfer Station on any dates other than the following:

December 18th

January 15th

February 19th

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

Leaves, grass and tree trimmings are accepted at the Transfer Station during regular hours at no charge.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Dave Ferris, Attendant

November – April

Sundays 9:00am – 4:00pm

May – October

Saturdays & Sundays 9:00am – 4:00pm

Absolutely **NO Paints or Lacquers, and **NO** Building Materials**

SECURITY. . . .

When closing up and securing your seasonal residence, or if you will be gone for an extended amount time, please make arrangements to have someone keep an eye on your property. Remove valuables if possible to make your property less appealing to theft or vandalism.

ASSESSOR

Jo Wolschlager, Lake Township Assessor is available every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm at the Township Hall. She is also available for appointments by calling the Lake Township Hall at 989-856-4867.

KEEP US UPDATED... ..

Once again, please remember to fill out a **Change of Address Form** when you move or leave the area for a long period of time. Changes of Address forms are available by calling 989-856-4867 or on our website at: www.laketownship.net

MAILING ADDRESS

Lake Township
(Name of Official)
P.O. Box 429
Caseville, MI 48725

Email: info@laketownship.net

TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE

Office hours

Telephone: 989-856-4867

Fax: 989-856-9710

The Township Hall Offices are open:

Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and during Supervisor hours (M-W-F 8:00 am to 10:00 am.)

Official's office hours may vary. It is best to call ahead or make an appointment if you need to speak to a Township official.

Township Board Meeting-Township Hall

Time – 7:30 PM (6:30 PM December-February)

Day - Third Monday (March-last Monday.)

Planning Commission Meeting - Township Hall

Time 7:00 pm

Day – Fourth Wednesday -No meetings Nov. and Dec.

Additional meetings may be scheduled and posted.

Members: Dave Szumlinski, Gordon Krueger, Jeff Krohn, Dale Hartsell, and Paul Golsch.

Zoning Board of Appeals-Township Hall

Time – 7:30 pm Wednesdays upon appeal application.

Members: Louis Bushey, Ric Geilhart, Gordon Krueger, Richard Ehrlich, and William (Bill) Osborne.

Alternates: Conrad Przystup and Willard Crueger.

Fire Board (CAFPA) meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Caseville Fire Hall. Lake Township members: Len Pilato and Russ Mangiapane.

Construction Board of Appeals meets upon appeal application. Members: Richard McIhargie, Michael Molascon, Steven Fulgham.

Township Board

Supervisor – Robert T. Smith

Deputy Supervisor – Patricia Smith

Clerk – Valerie McCallum

Treasurer – Dorothy Fischer

Deputy Treasurer – Moira Foster

Trustees – William (Bill) Osborne, Dale Hartsell

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-ARNIE RUSSELL

BUILDING INSPECTOR-TORY GEILHART

OFFICE SECRETARY-LISA KONKE

PORT AUSTIN LIBRARY

989-738-7212

Residents of Lake Township are welcome at the Port Austin Township Library. For general questions or to inquire about their hours, please call the number above.

Lake Township would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and Happy New Year.