

Lake Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2026

The Lake Township Planning Commission held a meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Lake Township Hall (5153 Scenic Hwy, Honor MI).

Mark Janeczko called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present; Mark Janeczko, Carl Lightfoot, Jackie Randall, Kyle Orr and Michelle Erwin.

Others Present; Andrea Hendricks from McKenna Consulting; Maureen Jeannot, recorder; Josh Mills, Twp Zoning Administrator; also, about 10 township residents (sign in list on file).

Motion by Jackie Randall to approve the agenda, seconded by Kyle Orr. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Carl Lightfoot to approve minutes from the PC meeting July 9, 2026, seconded by Kyle Orr. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Tom Kucera, CLWA, commented about the slope map being used in the draft doesn't cover all of Lake Twp.

Andrea Hendricks from McKenna Consulting was present and led review of the entire draft version of the Zoning Ordinance. A Memorandum was handed out. (On file)

Motion by Michele Erwin to notice the required entities of an intent to Amend the Master Plan, seconded by Kyle Orr. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Letters will be sent to utility, railroad and county entities and notice will be put in the local paper. It was noted that a final version of the ordinance needs to be available.

Review and discussion of the Zoning Ordinance draft continued.

Announcements;

Next scheduled PC Meeting will be held on August 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Public Hearing will be held on August 28, 2026, at 4:00 pm followed by a Special PC Meeting.

The intent is to present the final draft to the Township Board at their September 3, 2026, meeting.

The Township Board may hold a Special Meeting to approve the draft.

Public Input;

Wilfred Swiecki asked if sensitive area was defined. Answer was yes. Mr. Swiecki also asks that the language in the draft, relative to phosphorus standards, be updated. See handout. (on file)

Lissa Magel commented and would like to see less nighttime light pollution.

John Randall commented that 'front yard' should be defined in Section 2.26.

Mary Feron commented the board consider for site review to add an environmentally sensitive section. There are still a few gaps in the overlay protection areas.

Wilfred Swiecki commented that a bigger impact on environment will come from additional homes around the lakes.

Michelle Erwin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jackie Randall. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting scheduled at Lake Township Hall: August 13, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Jeannot, Recording Secretary

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