

Lake Township Planning Commission
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Held at Lake Township Hall
4988 W. Kinde Rd, Caseville Michigan 48725
Unapproved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Siver.

Roll Call: Tim Quinn, Matt Pryor, Robert Siver, Nicole Collins, Keith Hoffman (absent)

Approximately (6) virtual guests and (5) in-person guests.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Collins to approve agenda as written, seconded by Pryor. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of December 16, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: Motion by Collins to approve the minutes, seconded by Quinn. All in favor, motion carried.

Carlisle/Wortman Associates planning firm interviewed virtually with the Planning Commission. Collins indicated she was pleased with what she has read about with Carlisle/Wortman. Carlisle/Wortman advised that PUD's are one of their specialties. Siver stated that he spoke to other Townships and Carlisle/Wortman was given stellar reviews. Siver indicated that the Township has upcoming projects such as the Recreation Plan and possibly another PUD looking to be established in Lake Township. Carlisle/Wortman will be able to provide the resources necessary to help the Township with projects that are on the horizon.

Lake Township's Building & Zoning Administrator, Terry Kelly, stated that he looks forward to a streamline of communication with Carlisle/Wortman. Carlisle/Wortman asked about issuing citations and Kelly advised he involves law enforcement when a citation is issued.

Public Comments:

J. Mozden, Lake Township - points out that she felt our minutes are very vague and if a Sheriff is being requested to be present at our meetings what is the reason as that it is not stated in our minutes.

Jony Murphy, 4348 Port Austin Road - questioned why the PC members would need to hire Planning Consultants; doesn't understand that concept.

Mary Babcock, Commissioner - questioned why we need Planning Consultant for Lake Township when we have a Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator. She suggests that Huron County take over for the Lake Township Planning Commission.

Correspondence: Reviewed

New Business:

2026 – 2027 Meeting Schedule – Motion by Collins to continue PC meetings every other month starting in April 2026. The PC will have meeting in March and continue with every other month schedule. A new start time will be established for December and February 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. Motion by Collins to approve new schedule, seconded by Quinn, All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Siver stated that Mark Eidelson with Land Plan will be involved with the completion of the PUD for Driftwood Lavender. A request will be made to the Board to allow the Planning Committee to approve new planner for upcoming projects.

Motion by Collins to forward approval of new planner to the Board, seconded by Pryor, All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Dwellings (Section 20.7) / Side Yard Setbacks on Corner Lots (table 3-4 Section 6A) - Motion by Collins to forward amendments made to setbacks to legal counsel for review, seconded by Pryor, All in favor, motion carried.

Recreation Plan - Collins stated that the Recreation Plan is not to be rushed; the PC members agreed to have something for the Board by the end of the year. Collins stated she will be providing information to residents in the Summer Tax bills that go out in July regarding the Recreation Plan.

Driftwood Lavender - Siver indicated that based on prior discussion submissions for Driftwood Lavender need to go through Terry Kelly for review before forwarding to the Planning Commission.

Public Comments:

A. Tatham, 6789 Oak Beach Road – indicated that we need to address Mark Anderson not Driftwood Lavender submissions, she said we need to fix how we address people.

M. Mozden A Drive – concerned with meeting time change; doesn't feel it's fair representation; the boards represent the people and should not lose sight of that.

J. Mozden, A Drive – looking for citation given to person operating a short-term rental; feels board members are talking outside of meetings; consider survey monkey for Recreation Plan; agrees with M. Babcock on why spending money on planning consultant.

A. Tatham, 6789 Oak Beach Road - asked for clarification on time frame for submissions.

J. Murphy, 4348 Port Austin Road – asked for clarification on meeting schedule.

M. Anderson - requested clarification on time frame for review of any submissions made to the Township.

Mary Babcock, Commissioner - questioned why Building & Zoning Administrator did not call the Health Department when it came to the mobile home that was an issue in the township; how long does the Building & Zoning Administrator have information that was submitted to him before passing it on to the board.

Quinn stated planning consultants are relied upon for their expertise by municipalities and questions that may arise; Collins stated she deals with many municipalities and planning consultants are used to approve projects.

Next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Meeting Adjourned 6:48 p.m.

Recording Secretary/jw