

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
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January 7, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING
MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Lorence called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Lorence Randy Becksvoort, Marcia Perry,
Dick Becker, Jim Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Ron Bultje – Township Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Emma Posillico of Fresh Coast Planning

ARTICLE II. MASTER PLAN

Jim Lorence started the discussion by reviewing the master plan process that began in late 2017. Fresh Coast Planning was interviewed in January 2018 and subsequently hired to assist. Lorence praised commission members for their excellent attendance record through the process.

Ron Bultje explained the process going forward if the commission makes a decision to send the plan to the township board.

Lorence asked commission members for comments on the plan. Marcia Perry suggested a few word changes but primarily focused on page 21 that says “A new zoning overlay district is to be established...”. Jim Johnson suggested that be changed to “A new zoning overlay district is to be considered...” This led to much discussion. Eventually the consensus was to accept the suggestion from Johnson. Emma Posillico then noted the inset on the master plan draft map should be deleted. This led to more discussion and eventually received consensus. Posillico will go through the plan and make changes as needed for consistency. **A motion was made by Becksvoort and supported by Becker to direct staff to make the changes discussed tonight and to forward the plan to the township board for consideration of distribution. Lorence called a roll call vote. All members voted in favor. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.**

ARTICLE III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wade Eldean of 2305 South Shore thanked the commission for their work then stated he was offended that Perry did not think his company did any good for the area.

Tom Shuff of 4706 Forest Ridge stated because we have commercial across the road in Park Township is not a good reason to establish commercial in northern Laketown Township.

Randy Schipper of Cunningham Dalman represented property owners along Fern Walk. He stated Gator Investments Ltd. keeps pushing commercial use on residential property they own. He then reviewed a letter he sent to the commission.

Don Rosie of 2341 and 2345 Fern Walk asked if the commission members knew where the county line was. He felt all the properties along South Shore Drive had the county line cut through them.

Ellen Fitch of 3665 63rd Street thanked the commission for their work and stated no township residents want commercial uses in northern Laketown except Mr. Eldean.

ARTICLE IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.