

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423
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MAY 5, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Becksvoort called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Randy Becksvoort, Jim Johnson, Chad Nienhuis; Marcia Perry (Zoom from home in Laketown).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin -- Township manager
Ron Bultje – Township attorney
Jim Hayden – Public information officer

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, second by Becker, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021, meeting. UNANIMOUS DECISION ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meadow Lane Out-Lot

Mike and Amy Pikaart, 4359 Meadow Lane, proposed in a Feb. 23, 2021, letter to purchase township-owned Outlot A Little Acres Sec. 14 T4N R16W. The proposal came to the township board. The township board transferred the proposal to the planning commission to make a recommendation. The

commission discussed options, including maintaining it for utilities, transferring ownership with an easement, leasing it to the Pikaarts for a fee such as \$1 a year or licensing the property to the Pikaarts for a set time.

The Pikaarts discussed via Zoom their plans as noted in their letter.

Motion by Perry, second by Becker, to recommend the township board proceed with a potential licensing agreement with the Pikaarts. UNANIMOUS DECISION ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

B: Discussion of non-motorized path zoning language

The commission discussed the possibility of creating an ordinance requiring developers along main roads to add non-motorized paths to their development. The ordinance would not require paths in low-traffic developments. Commissioners wanted to make sure there are township plans to connect new non-motorized paths with existing ones. Attorney Bultje told the commission the township can require developers to enter agreements for special assessment districts.

Motion by Nienhuis, second by Becker, to recommend township attorney Ron Bultje prepare a draft ordinance for non-motorized paths for planning commission review. UNANIMOUS DECISION ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

C: Discussion of R 1½ zoning district

The commission discussed the new R 1½ zoning district included in the Master Plan (Meshkin handed out the final printed version of the Master Plan).

Motion by Nienhuis, second by Becker, to recommend township attorney Ron Bultje prepare draft language for R 1 ½ zoning for planning commission review. UNANIMOUS DECISION ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Nienhuis, second by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
UNANIMOUS DECISION ROLL CALL – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**