

**PROPOSED MINUTES**  
**LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
4338 Beeline Road, Allegan County, Holland, MI 49423  
**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**Monday, Nov. 29, 2021**

**ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Linda Howell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Al Meshkin, township manager; Jim Hayden, public information officer; Graafschap Fire Chief Doug Den Bleyker; Parks Commission Chairman Tom Shuff

The township board discussed a SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats – analysis of the township board. SWOT analysis of Graafschap Fire Department, Treasurer and Planning Commission were submitted as well.

Township strengths: Community, quality of life, friendly character of township.

Township weaknesses: Communication needs to improve; main tax base is residential, need to increase commercial tax base; Blue Star Highway should be focus of commercial growth; sewer service may come from City of Holland in future; police coverage and funding discussed; improve American with Disabilities Act access to parks.

Township opportunities: Huyser Farm Park; staffing succession including a planning manager position that could be a training position for manager; retention of fire department employees.

Township threats: Need plan for affordable housing; look at charter township status; fire department access to parks.

The township board came to the consensus that members will have another meeting to continue to discuss SWOT analysis and will look at dates.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Linda Kazanova, 6750 Halcyon Drive: Thanked board for the workshop; hopes American Rescue Plan Act money will be used for public safety at parks, police and Allegan County Health Department; discussed ticketing at Laketown Beach Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Howell adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.**