

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423
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NOVEMBER 1, 2023

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randy 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Sall – Community development director
Doug DenBleyker – Graafschap Fire Department chief
Ron Bultje – Township attorney
Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Perry, second by Becker, to approve the minutes of Sept. 6, 2023, as presented. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

ARTICLE III. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Site plan review for Sikkel/Shanley, 927 Illinois, Holland, MI 49423.

Attorney Bill Sikkel representing Richard B. Shanley addressed the planning commission regarding a site plan review for 927 Illinois, parcel # 03-11-260-453-00, zoned R-2. Shanley plans to demolish the current home on the site and build a new home. The Laketown Township Zoning Board of Appeals has already granted a variance for the project and the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has approved the plan. Sikkel noted that four mature trees will be removed and replaced with eight native trees from an approved list.

The commission discussed the proposal.

Perry asked about other vegetation.

Sall said entry to the rooms off the garage may need to be revised due to foundation requirements on the EGLE permit.

Johnson asked if the gazebo across the street will remain. Sikkel said it will stay. Sikkel also said work will be done in fall, winter and spring but stop at Memorial Day, then resume after Labor Day to complete the project in fall 2024.

Becker asked if the home was closer to the road. Sikkel said no. Becker asked if the house obstructed the views of neighbors. Sikkel said the owner made some changes to allow a better view.

Perry said the neighbors are not completely satisfied with the project.

Motion by Nienhuis, second by Johnson, to approve the site plan for 927 Illinois based on Sec. 38.487 Sand Dune Development, Sec. 38-65 Planning Commission Review of Final Site Plan, compliance with the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy requirements, Laketown Township Zoning Board of Appeals conditions, compliance with the application, verbal representation and representation in the minutes, and applicable laws and ordinances. VOICE VOTE. YES -- BECKER, BECKSVOORT, JOHNSON, NIENHUIS. NO – PERRY. MOTION APPROVED 4-1.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 7:18 p.m.

No comments.

End: 7:19 p.m.

ARTICLE VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Johnson, second by Perry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. UNANIMOUS DECISION VOICE VOTE – MOTION APPROVED 5-0.