

Laketon Township Planning Commission
May 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes-Approved

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Bob Marine called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Eric Anderson, Chris Simpson, Paul Hoppa, Dave Mieras, Bob Marine, June Earhart and Suzanne Hayes.
- Absent: NONE
- Also present: Zoning Administrator Heidi Tice and Recording Secretary Melissa Coates.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: June Earhart moved to approve the agenda as presented. Suzanne Hayes supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dave Mieras moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025 as presented. Suzanne Hayes supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **1488 Ann St Update:** Heidi Tice updated the board Resident didn't show to court. Court gave resident 30 days to comply. Heidi will be checking back at the property next week.
- **Monthly Permit Reporting:** Heidi Tice handed out a written report in the meeting packet. Did not discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resident Accessory Building Suggestion:** Suzanne Hayes informed the board a resident's suggestion about matching the surrounding townships ordinances about accessory buildings and increase the size. Heidi brought up that they did review the ordinance in 2024. Eric Anderson agreed with Heidi and informed the board they have recently done an increase in size permitted. Suzanne feels there is no need to do anything on this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Yard Sale Ordinance:** Heidi informed the board that we used to have a yard sale ordinance but it was removed back in the day and they figured it would be covered under blight. Suzanne asked if someone were to break a garage sale ordinance what would happen. Heidi said it would be the same as any violation. Eric suggested two ways of viewing a garage sale ordinance 1) Could add a garage sale ordinance back in 2) Add definition of what a yard sale is. Heidi mentioned the court won't accept just a definition, should be an ordinance and a definition. Heidi has dealt with issues where there is just a definition in court and it wasn't accepted in court. They discussed having residents get permits for yard sales. Some concerns with that are: who would monitor it, extra work to township employees, what are the repercussion for violators. Heidi suggested putting in a bullet point in the ordinance about parking. Eric made a motion for Heidi to give her recommendation at the next meeting, based on what other townships are doing in the area for their yard sale ordinance. Suzanne second motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.
- **Accessible definition discussion:** Heidi discussed that the township attorney didn't have any issues with how it currently is and felt it was a moot point for further discussion. Eric made a motion to leave accessibility definition as is. June seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice note.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Hayes wanted to know existing rules on yard sales. Board answered there isn't one, it was removed in 2006. Kim Arter informed the board on the status of: The Horton Park Project, Township Clean-Up Day on Saturday May 17, 2025, Scenic Bike Path Project and the DNR plans for this summer.

BOARD REPORTS:

- **Board of Trustees-Eric Anderson-** Nothing to report, as Kim Arter covered all of it.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals – Suzanne Hayes:** -There is a ZBA meeting scheduled for Thursday June 5, 2025 at 6pm.

Adjournment:

- Dave Mieras made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Simpson supported the motion. The motion carried and the adjournment occurred at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Coates
Recording Secretary