

**Laketon Township Planning Commission**  
**May 8, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 7/10/19**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Don Nellis called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

- Present: Cindy Zaagman, DJ Hilson, Dave Mieras, Don Nellis, Paul Hoppa, June Earhart and Eric Anderson
- Absent: None
- Also present: Zoning Administrator Theresa Maner, Recording Secretary Veronica West, Twp. Supervisor Kim Arter and one area resident.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Paul Hoppa moved to approve the agenda as presented. June Earhart supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dave Mieras moved to approve the minutes as presented for April 11, 2019. Paul Hoppa supported the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**                   **NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Planning & Zoning News – March & April 2019 issue distributed. Zoning Administrator Theresa Maner pointed out a sections that listed several websites and seminars for educational opportunities. No other discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Park & Rec Plan Open House – ZA Theresa Maner reminded the group the open house date is Wednesday 5/15/19 from 6 to 8 pm. She noted that about 165 flyers were distributed at the Township Clean Up Day event last Saturday as well as it having been posted on the township website and Facebook page, it will be emailed out to the resident email list by the end of the week. Flyers for the open house are also being handed out at the township hall during normal business hours to anyone that comes in. ZA Theresa Maner asked Chair Don Nellis if he had been able to post the notice of the open house on the “Next Door” group website; he noted he had not, but would get online this week to see if it is possible to do. An invitation has been given to the Board of Trustees and letters have gone out to local sports groups and the White Lake Area Community Education. She also noted that maps of the township parks have been enlarged for the event and an updated map of the non-motorized trails is still in progress, but will be ready by the event. Light discussion of the event set up took also took place, noting there will be “station” with large easels and paper for people to write down their suggestions/ideas, there will also be some ideas listed that people can put stickers on to denote they like that idea. There will be light refreshments; water, coffee, cookies. Paul Hoppa asked Township Supervisor Kim Arter why there was orange plastic snow fencing blocking the entrance drive to Green Creek Park to which she explained that there had been some vandalism of the parking lot (car(s) tearing it up doing donuts etc) and someone cutting the gate locks and driving out into the woods behind the tennis courts. Cindy Zaagman suggested asking anyone that attends how they heard about the open house for future knowledge, maybe have a short paper survey for them as they leave. Eric Anderson suggested name tags to identify the Planning Commission members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**                   **NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kim Arter, Township Supervisor – updated the PC on the Horton Park project; noting the 4 large trees have been removed and the Muskegon County Sheriff Dive Team has marked the fiber optic utilities and the cemetery

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sprinkling system lines in the lake where the boat launch work will take place and then the township engineers GPS'd the coordinates of the lines as well. She also noted the Army Corps of Engineers permit has been received and we are now just waiting for the MDEQ permit, which should come soon now that the Army Corps of Engineers permit is approved.

Kim also talked about the annual Clean Up day event that took place last Saturday here at the Twp Hall, noting about 14 – 16 large dumpsters of trash were hauled away and a large dumpster of metal recycling as well as several truckloads of overflow from the metal bin were hauled to the recycler. Final tallies on the amount hauled away will come in from the landfill and the recycler soon. She did also note that a county run tire collection event took place at the same time at Mullally Park and 3 semi-trailers were filled with tires and hauled away (approx.. 3000 tires). The Township Clerk was also in the Township Hall for 8 hours on Saturday for the purpose of absentee voting as now required by state law.

Trevor Hilson, 1068 Dykstra Court, commented he would like to see the Township park and rec plan have provisions for a driving range for golf in the township.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

- Board of Trustees – Cindy Zaagman reiterated the Army Corps of Engineers permit is in hand for Horton Park, now just waiting on the MDEQ Permit. She also added that the Board has approved Phase 1 of a new playground on the Lange side of the Mullally Memorial Park and will be planning a community build of the playground, tentatively scheduled for September 2019/

**ADJOURN:** Paul Hoppa moved to adjourn the meeting. June Earhart supported the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Veronica West  
Recording Secretary