

**Lake County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 20, 2012**

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Van Dolsen at 3:30 p.m.

**2) Roll Call**

Present: Don Arquette, Commissioner Colleen Carrington, Craig Davis, Patrick Johnson, Ellen Kerans, Linda VanDolsen, Gwen Warren, Commissioner Larry Collier (Liaison), Susan Dennis (USDA, Rural Development Specialist)

**3) Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2011**

Motion was made by Ellen Kerans to accept the minutes with two minor corrections and seconded by Gwen Warren.

**4) Correspondence**

**Press Release**

Linda VanDolsen reported that there was a press release notifying the citizens of a Public Hearing scheduled for the March 29, 2012 to allow feedback on the Lake County Master Plan.

**Proposed 2012 Budget for the Lake County Planning Commission (CPC)**

The Lake County Budget includes a \$10,000 line item for the Planning Commission which was approved by the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

**Village of Luther's Recreation Plan, Newkirk Township's Ordinance, Peacock Township's Master Plan**

The following comments were made regarding these items:

- Newkirk Township's Ordinance seems to be in line with the LC Master Plan
- Discussion took place regarding including goals for encouraging businesses to the area and the need to be friendly toward development
- Webber was spelled incorrectly and needs to be corrected
- Very clear, concise and organized. For the most part, the townships did a good job
- There was a question regarding zoning and whether or not zoning is legal if done before a master plan was completed
- The question is what will they do with the plans. Most townships emphasize tourism as a very important component of the master plan.

**5) Old Business**

**Lake County (LC) Master Plan**

Updated Copies of the LC Master Plan were distributed by Linda Van Dolsen and were reviewed by the Planning Commission.

## **Economic Development**

There needs to be more information regarding economic development. Commissioner Collier mentioned that the Board of Commissioners is considering using the Planning Commission as the Economic Development committee once the Master Plan is completed.

The list of businesses was removed from the LC Master Plan as a response to members feeling that this would be advertising and was possibly omitting some businesses.

Craig Johnson commented on the lack of attention in the document to tourism and recreation. Patrick Johnson made a motion for Craig Davis to write a section on the topic of Tourism and Recreation to be inserted in the LC Master Plan. Seconded by Ellen Kerans. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The information regarding Historical Sites was revised. Larry Collier resolved the discussion regarding the date Idlewild was placed on the National Register for Historic Places. He explained that the first designation did not include the entire Idlewild land area and the more recent designation in 2010 corrected this issue to include those areas.

The listing of churches, civic organizations, and townships that Colleen Carrington and Donald Arquette completed was not included in the Master Plan. This information was intended to be used by the Planning Commission as a resource document rather than an actual part of the plan.

Colleen Carrington will review the section on Government prepared by Linda VanDolsen and provide comments and/or suggestions.

**Deadline for getting the final information to Linda VanDolson is Friday, March 23, 2012.**

- 7) **Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p. m.**
- 8) **Next Meeting: April 16, 2012**