

Lake County Planning Commission
Minutes
April 20, 2015

- 1) Called to order at 3:05
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins, , Kelly Weaver, Seth Hopkins, Tom Ellis, Don Arquette, Absent: Gwendolyn Warren, Ernest Wogatzke
- 4) Tom Ellis made a motion to approve March minutes with change to "Correspondence-Senate Bills 39-4" to Correspondence- Senate Bills 39-40. Seconded by Commissioner Colleen Carrington-Atkins. Motion carried.
- 5) Key to File Cabinets- Kelly W. found keys and looked at file cabinets. There are some empty file folders that can be used. Kelly W. will organize and set up file cabinet. There were also labels available in file cabinet.
- 6) Discussion ensued on zoning for height restrictions on towers within the County. As the internet project with MI Connect and increasing high speed internet availability comes to the County there could be more towers that need to be constructed. Discussion ensued on giving a "heads up" to townships to look at local zoning and height restrictions to help speed up the process of installations of towers for internet. Commission decided not to take action as the consensus is that it is the townships responsibility and vendors responsibility to investigate. Seth H. will follow up with Business Development Association of Lake County who is working with MI Connect to create a high speed internet plan to gather more information and keep the Commission updated on any progress.
- 7) Solid Waste Plan-The Planning Commission does not need to move forward with anything else in regards to the plan. The Planning Commission would like to receive Solid Waste Committee minutes if available. There was discussion about a possible Consistency Committee that could be formed, which would need a Planning Commission Member. Additionally, the Solid Waste Committee is not part of the Planning Commission Budget.
- 8) Michigan Planning and Enabling Action 2008- The Commission needs to look over this Act and find some roles and responsibilities of the Commission. Examples include how many times we need to meet and reasons to meet. The Commission should also look at their bylaws. Everyone needs a copy of bylaws and if possible the Act so discussion can ensue at next meeting.
- 9) Parks Committee-Met on 4/14/15. The Committee toured the property on M-37 but is still waiting for some structure. The full Board of Commissioners is not currently approving/appointing new members. The Committee has a copy of the deed which specifically states the property should be used for "Youth Center Purposes". This needs to be further investigated.
- 10) Fracking-Discussion ensued that we need to stay informed on this issue. There is a general concern that with a lack of zoning we need to be informed so that we know how to address fracking if Lake County becomes a site. Kelly W. will research further. General discussion ensued about hazards of fracking.
- 11) Citizen Time-No Comments
- 12) Next Meeting-May 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Commissioner Room, Courthouse
- 13) Adjournment: Seth H. motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tom E. motion carries adjournment at 4:10

Respectfully Submitted by Seth Hopkins, Secretary