



Township of Lapeer Planning Commission

Lapeer County, Michigan

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Tim Roodvoets, Chair
Ken Ewing, Vice-Chair
Deborah Cady, Secretary
John Rutzen
Phillip Thick
Daniel Gingell
Sandra Lackey-Jarvis

October 18, 2010

Chair Roodvoets called the Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance:

Chair Roodvoets, Vice-Chair Ewing, Secretary Cady,
Commissioners Thick, Gingell, Rutzen, and Lackey-Jarvis

Other attendees:

Chris McLeod, Planning Consultant, Community Planning & Management
Leonard Lumley, Lapeer Township resident

Public time:

Chair Roodvoets opened the meeting for public time at 7:33 p.m.
No one appeared wishing to address the Planning Commission.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Thick, support by Commissioner Rutzen to approve the
regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2010. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lumley departed the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

New business:

None

Other business:

Re-election of
officers

Motion by Commissioner Thick, support by Commissioner Lackey-Jarvis to re-elect Chair
Roodvoets, Vice-Chair Ewing, and Secretary Cady to correct error in electing Commissioner
Gingell Treasurer at the September 20, 2010 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

2011 meeting
Schedule

Commissioners discussed canceling all study sessions and options for regular meetings.

Commissioner Rutzen suggested scheduling a regular meeting every other month and then
deciding at the scheduled meeting whether a subsequent regular meeting would be necessary.

Commissioner Ewing asked for Planner McLeod's meeting schedule recommendations.

Planner McLeod stated that it is easier to cancel a scheduled meeting rather than attempt
to reconvene a canceled meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Gingell, support by Commissioner Ewing to cancel all 2011 study
sessions and to approve the 2011 Planning Commission regular meeting schedule as follows:

PLANNING COMMISSION 2011 MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, section 5(1), it has been resolved that the Lapeer Township Planning Commission will establish the following schedule for its regular and study session meetings for the calendar year 2008. The meetings will be held on Mondays at the Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building, 1500 Morris Road, Lapeer, Michigan. The regular meetings will begin at 7:30p.m.

	Regular Meetings - 7:30 p.m.
January	17
February	21
March	21
April	18
May	16
June	20
July	18
August	15
September	19
October	17
November	21
December	No meeting

Lapeer Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meetings, to individuals with disabilities who wish to participate; upon five working days notice to the township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lapeer Township by writing or calling the Lapeer Township Clerk, at 1500 Morris Road, Lapeer, Michigan, 48446 or 810-664-3700.

Master Plan

Commissioners discussed section seven through section twelve of the Master Plan draft.

Planner McLeod will make the following corrections to the draft.

- Add township map locators to all maps within the Master Plan.
- Spelling and grammatical errors.
- In all sections referring to Wilder Road as “not being a Class ‘A’ road”, or “if Wilder Road becomes a Class ‘A’ road, changes will be made to reflect that improvements are actually being done to upgrade Wilder Road.
- Page and section numbering.
- Remove the “Commercial” designation on the large Master Land Use Plan map.

Planner McLeod addressed the following concerns presented by Chair Roodvoets:

Section Seven: Eliminate “Section 3”

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Section Eight: Page 7-38 – Add Senior housing to “Allowing Residential Housing Options”
Section Nine: Page 8-4 – “Home Occupations” – remove references to small business incubators. Eliminate second paragraph.
Section Ten: Page 8-3 – Re-word last paragraph
Section Eleven: Clarify pathway connections
Section Twelve: Page 10-11 – Remove “Section 3 Road Potential”
Page 10-13 – Panhandle lots
Section Thirteen: Pages 11-3, 11-4, 11-8: reword and clarify

Motion by Commission Ewing, support by Commissioner Gingell to recommend the Master Plan Draft to the Township Board for review with the proposed corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.

Park & Recreation

Chair Roodvoets updated Commissioners on the progress of the park. The walking trails are walkable and the pavilion in is the process of being constructed.

Commissioner Gingell reported on picnic tables. Table kits are no longer available through Home Depot. Commissioner Gingell presented a proposal for kits available through Menards. The possibility of Vo-Tech students constructing the tables was discussed.

Commissioner Thick recommended that the Township obtain the City of Lapeer’s picnic table specifications and have Vo-Tech construct. All Commissioners were in agreement with this scenario.

Commissioner Rutzen discussed signage. Lapeer County’s Park Department will allow the Township to use their sign machine, but someone is needed to operate it. Commissioner Thick volunteered to make the signs over the winter. A kiosk will also be needed. Commissioners discussed the possibility of Vo-Tech constructing.

Commissioner Rutzen also reported that 50 Norway spruce trees have been planted and that several larger trees have been moved. Trail “C” still needs work. All trails need to be leveled and overhanging tree branches need to be removed.

Old business: None

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Chair Roodvoets reported that Clerk Walker was awarded “Clerk of the Year” and Supervisor Jarvis was awarded “Supervisor of the Year” at the Lapeer Chapter of the Michigan Township Association’s banquet. Congratulations!

Election Day: November 2, 2010

Lapeer Township Board Meeting: November 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Ewing, support by Commissioner Thick. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Deborah R. Cady, Secretary