

**LYON TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
May 2nd 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Pete Chippa.

Roll call –Present at the meeting: Ron Hnizda, Becky Boersma, absent Eric Carlson, Pete Chippa, and Fred Bradley. Brian Cook is absent.

Approval of the agenda- Move by Eric and second by Fred to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were passed out and read. Move by Fred and second by Eric to approve the amended minutes. Approved

Recognition of visitors: Pete passed out a visitor sign in sheet Kathy Ray and Sue Greer.

New Business:

Kathy Ray brought up the Issue of keeping chickens at her residence. She handed out a letter concerning her problem that explained for us and what was her problem was. She has talked to all the neighbors about any complaints that her neighbors have about her chickens. Needed to get out of old house because of trauma at home and how her chickens sooth her. Josh gave her a citation because it is an ordinance against having chickens in the township. See ordinance 31 for specifics. She brought letters from neighbors saying the chickens didn't bother them. She is asking for variance to the ordinance. She lives on Hemlock. We will reschedule this discussion until June 6 at 7:00 pm. No complaint was given. Pete will not be a part of this because of conflict of interest.

Septic tanks: Becky went on line and found that Long Lake Township had something about septic tanks. Gerrish and Lyon may come up with combined ordinance. Every septic tank would be inspected and given to the townships to decide what to do. Resident to get it pumped then health department to check on it. The question comes up as to where is the funding going to come from? State has nothing on the books. Our to do item is to come up with costs, and get the verbiage of the ordinance to the township board.

Master plan: does not necessarily need to change for the next 10 years if we are happy with the one that we are currently using, but small changes may be in order because of the census taken in 2020.

Election of Officers: Current committee makeup is that Pete is the chair, Becky is vice chair, Mat Guteriz alternate, Eric township representative, and Ron secretary. Becky made a motion to keep the officers the way it is now. Fred made a second and the motion was unanimous.

The Supervisor wanted the committee to come up with a fertilizer ordinance for the township. Questions to be answered are:

- How close to the lake can you use federalizer and what types or federalizer are allowed.
- We might again get the ordinances from other townships.

Zoning board report: Pete reported that the zoning board had one variance denied.

Correspondence- none

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Pete and second by Becky. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8.30

Next meeting June 6th.

Approved by Pete Chippa \_\_\_\_\_ (chairman)

Committee approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_