

**LYON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

February 5, 2024

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

Roll call –Present at the meeting: Ron Hnizda, Becky Boersma, Eric Carlson, Pete Chippa, and Mac Gutierrez.

Approval of the agenda- Move by Eric and second by Becky to approve the agenda. Motion passed. The agenda was amended and Eric and Mac moved to accept the new changes to the agenda as amended. Passed.

Minutes of the December meeting was passed out and Becky read the minutes out loud. Move by Eric and second by Ron to approve the amended minutes. Approved.

Recognition of visitors- Harry Johnson

Open discussion for issues not on the agenda – Short-term rentals, on-premise Signage, and off-premise signage needed to be added to the agenda.

Discussion of items on the agenda: Short term rentals:

1. The township would like to lower the number of these.
2. If nothing else they would like to do this thru attrition.
3. Try to lower this by establishing a limit on the number of short-term rentals that can be established.
4. Establish a cost for the permits for short term rentals. This is not established yet.
5. As the permits expire don't let new households get a permit until you get to the correct established limit.
6. A fine for not registering your short-time rental would be assessed. Currently \$500.00 for any infraction.
7. This ordinance would not affect long-term rentals within the township.

The committee went over the preliminary outline of short-term rentals.

Signage around the township needed to be addressed and Harry discussed how he is addressing this issue of both on-premise, and off-premise signage.

Septic tank ordinance has passed and April 1<sup>st</sup> it takes effect.

Sewer progress is still in slow going. Eric gave a short status on the progress of the GLUA Special assessment. Grants for funding the project is still up in the air. It's hard to move forward without grant money.

Special assessment rules need to get solidified and a hearing needs to be performed.

Dan Richardson is recommended to be placed on the committee as a permanent member. Passed.

Report of township board representative – Nothing

Zoning board of appeals – three applications given to the appeals board, one approved, and two denied.

Correspondence – Nothing

Member comments – Nothing

Next meeting scheduled for May 6th at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Eric and second by Becky. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Approved by Pete Chippa  (chairman)

Committee approval 4-yea 1-Nay Date 5/6/24