

Village of Lawton
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407
Tuesday, January 02, 2024 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** J. Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: J. Peterson, B. Allen, P. Chmiel, P. Rathbun, M. Dudek, and C. Knapp. Absent: K. Hellman. Also Present: T. Hackenberg, J. Appleby, G. Dudek, E. Dudek, R. Tannis, M. Leonard, L. Ransler (Imus), and Suzanne Schulz with Progressive AE.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** P. Chmiel, supported by M. Dudek, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Agenda for January 02, 2024, as presented. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** M. Dudek, supported by P. Chmiel, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of September 5th, 2023, with a name change made to item 6.A.d. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 5. Public Comment / Communications:** No public comment.
- 6. New Business:**

A. Zoning Ordinance Revisions:

J. Peterson proposed a structured approach for the meeting, which included a detailed review of each page of the proposed zoning ordinance. During this review, commission members raised questions and concerns before opening the floor to public input. The meeting concluded with remarks from Suzanne representing Progressive AE.

There were identified clerical errors within the document, notably a revision concerning the language referring to the Village Manager or zoning administration to the Village Manager or a designated individual. Specific inquiries were made under the general provisions of the zoning ordinance, focusing on aspects such as drawings for rear setback requirements, visual presentations for yards, corner and through lots, and further defining guidelines for clear intent.

Significant discussion occurred regarding Section 2.08 concerning Accessory Buildings, Structures, and Storage.

The planning commission successfully reviewed provisions spanning pages 1 to 23 of the zoning ordinance during this meeting. They scheduled a continuation of the review for January 25, 2023 at 6 pm, planning to hold a joint meeting with the council at that time.

- 7. Public Comment / Hear from the Audience:** No Public Comment.
- 8. Planning Commissioner Comments:** J. Peterson suggested to continue revisions of the zoning ordinance at a later date due to time. Committee decided as a whole to meet again, with Council present, on January 25, 2024 at 6pm.
- 9. Adjournment:** M. Dudek, supported by C. Knapp, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Motion approved by acclamation.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Melina Leonard**