

**Village of Lawton**  
**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**125 S. MAIN, LAWTON MI 49065 269.624.6407**  
**Tuesday, July 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. Rathbun, and M. Dudek. Absent: P. Chmiel, K. Hellman and C. Knapp. Also Present: T. Hackenberg and M. Leonard, Bruce Remington and Sharon Shaw.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** M. Dudek, supported by B. Allen, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Agenda for, as presented. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** B. Allen, supported by M. Dudek, made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of June 06, 2024. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 5. Public Comment / Communications:** No public comment.
- 6. New Business:**

**A. Public Hearing for Village of Lawton Zoning Ordinance**

- a) J. Peterson opened Public Hearing at 7:02pm
- b) J. Peterson summarized that the planning commission has spent several months meticulously reviewing the zoning ordinance. J. Peterson and T. Hackenberg identified and corrected a number of minor grammatical errors.
- c) J. Peterson opened the comment section to the board, which had no comments. Peterson then opened the floor to the public. Bruce Remington, a property owner on Hamilton St., inquired if his property would be affected by the new zoning ordinance. T. Hackenberg explained that Remington's property cannot have an accessory building unless a home is built first, regardless of the new ordinance. B. Allen added that the property is adjacent to wetlands and, according to EGLE, building is restricted within a certain distance from wetlands. B. Allen suggested Remington contact the County Drain Commissioner, who works alongside EGLE, for further guidance.
- d) J. Peterson closed the Public Hearing at 7:16pm

**7. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Zoning Ordinance Review**

J. Peterson stated that the public hearing and involvement were successful. The Zoning Ordinance will be referred to the Village Council for approval, subject to any graphical or grammatical corrections.

**8. Public Comment / Hear from the Audience:**

Sharon Shaw, a resident on 66th Ave adjacent to the Pin High Golf Club, wants to prevent golf balls from damaging

her property. She suggested installing a net or fence along 66th Ave. T. Hackenberg explained that current ordinances do not enforce such measures, and even if included in the new zoning ordinance, the golf club would be grandfathered in. He suggested that Shaw consult a lawyer to explore her options for preventing further damage.

**9. Planning Commissioner Comments:** None.

**10. Adjournment:** P. Rathbun, supported by B. Allen, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion approved by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melina Leonard