

**Lake Township Planning Commission  
Meeting  
February 1st, 2025  
Minutes**

1. Swearing in of members of the Planning Commission
2. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fox at 9:58 a.m.
3. Roll Call Members present: Ruth Fox, Neil Lynch, John LaPoine, Kris Zeinstra, and Dana Lugten
4. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented by LaPointe, 2nd Zeinstra. Motion Carried
5. Approval of Minutes from Jan 4, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve as presented By LaPointe, 2nd by Lynch. Motion Carried

6. **Old Business**

**Barndominiums:**

Chair Fox stated the Twp Board has placed a 6 month moratorium on Barndominiums

Chair Fox read proposed definition of Barndominiums “ A barndominium is a building that combines a dwelling and a work/storage area. Any barndominium shall meet the minimum standards for a dwelling in Lake Twp and all other applicable codes”.

Commission to continue work on Barndominium definition to present to the Township board

Discussion was held on:

**R1** No barndominiums in R1 which is designated single family dwellings.

**R2**, Barndominiums shall be allowed with following restrictions: They be a max of 1500 sq ft plus 720 sq ft minimum dwelling, and a max of 16 feet tall.

**A/F**, If less than 5 acres, same as R2. If 5 acres or greater, they may be maximum 3000 sq ft plus 720 sq ft dwelling, with max of 22 ft tall.

Dwelling to be completed at the same time as the rest of the structure, requiring all applicable residential building inspections and an occupancy permit

Dwellings to be ground level

Commission to continue work at next meeting

**Camping:**

Discussion was held on possibly reinstating camping permit, as well as limiting the number of campers/rv's on a lot. R1 limited to 1 rv to property, R2 & A/F 2 Rv's per property.

Should there be a limit based on property size

Commission to continued work at next meeting

7. Meeting opened for public commenting. 40 citizens attended meeting  
Most comments on Barndominiums and Camping were regarding concerns with changes in R1
8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next regular meeting is April 12th, 2025 10:am

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana Lugten

Draft: not official until approved at next meeting