


WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 12, 2024

TO: Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director 

SUBJECT: Establishment of Planning Commission Membership

As you are aware, the current Planning Commission membership is comprised of nine (9) members. Eight (8) members at-large and a Township Board Liaison. This is an allowable, but uncommon, number of members. All of our neighboring communities have seven (7) member Planning Commissions, as do the vast majority of communities in Oakland County and Southeast Michigan. A reduction down to seven (7) members was discussed approximately ten (10) years ago, but no formal action was requested at that time. With the impending departure of Trustee-elect Anderson, our Planning Commission will drop to eight (8) members. I would recommend that the Board consider establishing the membership of the Planning Commission to consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) of those members being a member of the Board of Trustees. Attached, for your review and consideration, is Resolution #24-059.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you at the November 19th Township Board meeting. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPOSITION OF THE
WHITE LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Resolution #24-059

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the 19th day of November 2024 in the Township Annex, located at 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, the White Lake Township Planning Commission was established under the now-repealed Township Planning Act, Public Act No. 168 of 1959 (MCL 125.321, *et. seq.*) and confirmed under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act No. 33 of 2008 (MCL 125.3801 *et. seq.*) by Ordinance No. 133, codified as White Lake Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-142; and

WHEREAS, regulations regarding the membership of the Planning Commission and its duties are outlined in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act No. 33 of 2008 (the “Act”), which authorizes 5, 7 or 9 members to be appointed by the Township Supervisor subject to approval by a majority vote of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor, as approved by the Township Board, previously appointed nine (9) members to the Planning Commission in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that a seven (7) member Planning Commission can effectively represent the interests of the Township as evidenced by the standard of practice in surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake hereby establishes the membership of the Planning Commission to consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) of those members being a member of the Board of Trustees as an ex officio member of the Planning Commission. The composition and terms of the other appointed members shall be as provided in the Act. The term of the ex officio Board Member shall expire with his or her term on the Board of Trustees, subject to the right of the Board of Trustees to replace such member with another Board member at any time.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2024.

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
White Lake Township