

Cato Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025

The Cato Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the Lakeview Community Center.

Meeting called to order:

Vice Chairman Main called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Main expires 12-2025
Striker expires 12-2026
Behrenwald expires 11-2028
Cumings expires 12-2026

Others present:

4 members of public

Approval of Agenda:

Striker motioned and Cumings supported to approve the meeting agenda as presented
All in favor, motion carried

November 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Striker motioned and Behrenwald supported to approve the November meeting minutes as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment-Agenda Items Only:

Main opened public comment.
-No Public comments Agenda Items.
Main closed public comment for agenda items.

Zoning Administrator Update:

Kelsey Absent

Board Liaison Update:

Behrenwald reported on
-The Lakeside Residential camping was approved with some changes.
- Danielle could potentially be at the next meeting to help with Lakeside Residential boundary lines.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Review of Bylaws
- No changes made

Officer Election

- No changes were made until all positions are filled.

Goals for 2025

- Look at minimum square footage requirements within each zoning district
- Short/Long term Rental
- Look at camping within all zoning districts
- Noise Complaints
- Main asked Behrenwald to ask the Township Board for things they want the planning commission to work on in 2025.
- Look into different ways to help township residents with blight issues. (Trash service, community cleanup, etc)

Lakeside Residential Boundary Lines

- The commission decided to wait until Danielle is present to make boundary lines.
- Training Opportunities
- Training at MCC on the 9th of January

All in favor, Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jamie Snyder

- Liked the idea of trash pickup for the township. She has had it in a previous township.
- Volunteer system on community cleanup days to help elderly and people that need help with trash disposal.

Marcy Myers

- Discuss yearly fee for short term rentals
- Some citizens have more blight than they may be able to financially afford to remove. Township could look into somehow helping out with removal of blight and add on to property tax for those services.

Public comment closed

Next Meeting:

Next Regular meeting scheduled for March 12, 2025.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion was made by Cummings and supported by Striker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Recorded by:

Jacob Cummings

Commissioner, Cato Township Planning Commission