

**LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm**

Lodi Township Hall  
 3755 Pleasant Lake Road  
 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

**1. Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting of May 5, 2026 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Blackburn, Foley, Marsh, Rentschler, Schaible, Smith  
 Absent: Matelski

**3. Consent Agenda**

- C-1: Approve – April 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes and April 15, 2026 Special meeting minutes
- C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
- C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – March 31, 2026 Budget Year and 4/8/2026 – 5/5/2026
- C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report 2025-2026 (Year End Report) and 2026-2027 Budget
- C-5: Amend Budget 2025-2026 Budget Year ending adjustments

<b>May 5, 2026 Budget Amendments</b>		
101101:726	General Supplies	\$1,535.40
101101:963	Misc. Expense/Service Charges	\$324.61
101101:980	Twp. Equipment	\$9,505.80
101400:801	Consulting Fees	\$19,894.50
101257:801	Assessor Contract/Wages	\$0.08
		<b>\$31,260.39</b>
101301:801	Sheriff	<b>-\$31,260.39</b>

- C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – 4/28/2026
- C-7: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – 4/21/2026
- C-8: Recognize Sheriff Report

Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

**4. Attorney Report: None**

**5. Planning Commission Update:** Sweetland reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on April 28, 2026.

**6. Engineer Report – Arbor Preserve North #1:** A monthly update from the Township Engineer of what is happening with the Arbor Preserve project was read and distributed.

**7. Short Public Comment**

Public comment began at 6:33 pm. Comments were received from 7 members of the public. Public comment ended at 6:47 pm.

**8. Revision / Approval of Agenda**

Schaible requested adding the following items to New Business: a change to the Rules of Order and to accept Alex Matelski’s resignation from the Board of Trustees and discuss appointing a replacement.

Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

**9. Unfinished Business:** None

**10. New Business:**

**1. Accept Steve Marsh’s resignation from the Planning Commission**

Foley moved to accept Steve Marsh’s resignation from the Planning Commission. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

**2. Appoint Trustee Rentschler to the Planning Commission as Board representative**

Smith moved to appoint Trustee Rentschler to the Planning Commission as the Board of Trustee representative. Second by Schaible. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=nay, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 5-1.

**3. Washtenaw County Sheriff Contract Extension**

Lodi Township’s insurance company requested additional language to be added to the contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff due to the substation added in Lodi Township. The Washtenaw County Sheriff’s office was unwilling to make any changes.

Foley moved to approve the extension of the Washtenaw County Sheriff Contract through December 31, 2027. Second by Rentschler. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

**4. Macke Fireworks Application – July 4th**

Smith moved to approve the Macke Fireworks Application for July 4, 2026 as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

**5. Approval of Training:**

- a. Jens-Christian Meiners & Janet Rogers – Planning Commission – Citizen Planner through MSU Extension \$250.00 – online training**

Smith moved to approve the Citizen Planner training through MSU Extension for \$250.00 per person for Jens-Christian Meiners and Janet Rogers. Second by Marsh.

After a discussion, Smith moved to amend her motion to approve the Citizen Planner training through MSU Extension for \$250.00 per person for Jens-Christian Meiners, Janet Rogers and, if desired, Donald Rentschler. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Rentschler=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

**b. Zoning Board of Appeals Online Course \$125.00 – Kathy VanKoevering**

Foley moved to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals online course for \$125.00 for Kathy VanKoevering. Second by Blackburn. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

**6. Toll Brothers – Arbor Preserve North Request**

Jason Iacoangeli from Toll Brothers presented the request and the reasoning behind the request. Township Attorney explained how the Consent Judgement applies with this request, noted that the Board of Trustees should be voting on what is in the best interest of the Township, and requested reasoning be included in whatever motion is made. Schaible read a review of the request made by Township Engineer Marcus McNamara with OHM dated May 4, 2026.

Rentschler moved to deny Toll Brother’s request to begin non-wastewater construction activities for Arbor Preserve North in order to not set a precedent, because the recent mild winters do not hamper construction activities, and for the reasons stated in McNamara’s review dated May 4, 2026. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=nay, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 5-1.

**7. Appoint Supervisor Schaible to the Saline Fire Department (Authority) Board**

Smith moved to appoint Supervisor Schaible to the Saline Fire Department (Authority) Board for the term of Supervisor Schaible’s office. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

**8. Revise Rules of Order**

Blackburn moved to amend the Rules of Order to move the Revision/Approval of Agenda before the first Short Public Comment for regular meetings with the addition of a revision log. Second by Marsh. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

**9. Accept Alex Matelski’s resignation from Board of Trustees and discuss the next steps**

Foley moved to accept Alex Matelski’s resignation from the Board of Trustees effective 5/5/2026. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye,

Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Matelski=absent. Motion carried, 6-0.

The position will be posted on the website and the Township Hall door within a week and any interested candidates should submit a written letter of interest and resume by May 26, 2026 which will be distributed to all Trustees and discussed at the June 2, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

**11. Closed Session:** None

**12. Public Comment**

Public comment began at 7:22 pm. Public comment was received from 2 people. Public comment ended at 7:22 pm.

**13. FYI:**

1. Attorney Correspondence
  - a. Civil Rights Complaint – Blackburn email and response
  - b. Eric Roberts email and response
2. Link to Master Plan Survey Responses is on the website: <https://loditownshipmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Citizen-Survey-Data-full-dateset.pdf> (work in progress data set).
3. Schaible was notified by the Washtenaw County Road Commission that four-way stop signs will be installed at the intersection of Pleasant Lake Road and Zeeb Road during the week of May 18, 2026. A stop light will be installed at that intersection in 2027.

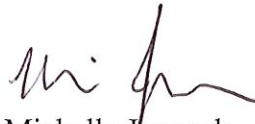
**14. Adjournment**

Foley moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Second by Smith. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none, absent=1. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Smith,  
Lodi Township Clerk



Michelle Joppeck,  
Recording Secretary