LODI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 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 October 6, 2026 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

   Present: Blackburn, Foley, Marsh, Naebeck, Rentschler, Schaible, Smith
   Absent: None

3. **Consent Agenda**

   C-1: Approve – September 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes, August 25, 2026 minutes, and September 22, 2026 minutes
   C-2: Accept - Investment Report (treasurer report)
   C-3: Approve - Checks for Approval – 9/2/2026-10/6/2026
   C-4: Recognize - Monthly Budget Report
   C-5: Amend Budget – None
   C-6: Recognize Planning Commission Minutes – 9/22/2026
   C-7: Recognize Planning Commission Data Center Sub Committee Minutes – 9/10/2026
   C-8: Recognize Board of Appeals Minutes – 9/29/2026
   C-9: Recognize Sheriff Report

   Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second by Foley. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

4. **Attorney Report:** None

5. **Planning Commission Update:** Rentschler reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting held on September 22, 2026.

6. **Engineer Report – Arbor Preserve North #6:** Township Engineer MC Moritz reviewed the report of the update of projects and applications that pass through the Township engineering review process.

7. **Revision / Approval of Agenda**

   Foley requested to add the 2026 Brookview Highlands Lighting District to the agenda. Smith requested to add approval of a bill from Decker Insurance Agency for $19,633.00 to the agenda.

   Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Marsh. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. **Short Public Comment**

   Public comment began at 6:34 pm. No comments were received from the public. Public comment ended at 6:34 pm.

9. **Unfinished Business:** None

10. **New Business:**

1. **Copperleaf Crossing Area Plan per Planning Commission recommendation – Set Public Hearing – November 10, 2026**

   Smith moved to set the Public Hearing for the Copperleaf Crossing Area Plan for November 10, 2026. Second by Naebeck. A roll call vote was taken. Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=abstain, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. **Home Occupation Application – Walkusky per Planning Commission**

   Smith moved to approve the Home Occupation Application for Walkusky as presented based on the Findings of Facts as outlined in the Planning Commission minutes dated 9/22/2026. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

3. **Robert Lane SAD**

   Smith moved to approve the Robert Lane SAD for 2026 as presented. Second by Naebeck. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

4. **East Arbor SAD**

   Foley moved to approve the East Arbor SAD for 2026 as presented. Second by Smith. A roll vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. **Saline Area Fire Authority Special Assessment**

   Foley explained the different options and the need for multiple options.

   Smith moved to approve Option 2 presented in the Board packet which consists of assessing a Lodi Fire Millage of ~~0.2002~~ 0.2022 mills on the 2026 Winter bill if the Fire Authority Millage passes and they become self-sufficient on 1/1/2027 and making a one-time transfer from the General Fund Balance of $200,000.00 to help cover the remaining cost Lodi Township is responsible for. Second by Naebeck. A roll call vote was taken. Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye, Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

   Foley moved to approve Option 3 presented in the Board packet of assessing a Lodi Fire Millage of 1.00 mill on the 2026 Winter bill if the Fire Authority Millage does not pass. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. **Cemetery Roping for the Holiday – 12 rolls @ $67.15/roll = $805.80**

   Foley moved to approve 12 rolls of roping for the cemetery for the holidays at a cost of $67.15/roll for a total of $805.80 to be taken out of the cemetery fund. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye, Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. **Snowplow Contract – Township & Cemetery**

   Quotes for snowplowing the Township parking lot and cemetery were received from MRM and C&S Lawncare.

   Schaible moved to accept the quote from C&S Lawncare for plowing the cemetery at a cost of $65/occurrence, plowing the Township parking lot at a cost of $90/occurrence, and salting the parking lot at a cost of $120/occurrence. Second by Marsh. A roll call vote was taken. Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye, Blackburn=aye, Marsh=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. **Recycle Container price increase per Western Washtenaw, +$75.00/pick up**

   Effective November 1, 2026, the cost of having Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) pick up the recycling will increase from $300 to $375. Currently, the container is being picked up every 5 days.

   Foley moved to approve the price increase from WWRA from $300 to $375 per exchange. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye, Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. **Appointment to the Planning Commission to fill Tammy Froberg's vacancy – term ending 11/2028 – Eamon Doyle**

   Blackburn asked about the term expiration date and requested to update the term expiration date to 3/31/2027. Only limited research was able to be done during the meeting into how the expiration date moved to November 2028. More time and research would be needed to determine exactly what happened.

   Foley moved to appoint Eamon Doyle to the Planning Commission to fill Tammy Froberg's vacancy with a term ending 11/2027. Second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

10. **Brookview Highlands Lighting District**

    Foley moved to approve the 2026 Brookview Highlands Lighting District as presented. Second by Naebeck. A roll call vote was taken. Marsh=aye, Schaible=aye, Smith=aye, Foley=aye, Rentschler=aye, Naebeck=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. **Decker Insurance Agency bill of $19,633.00**

    Smith moved to approve payment of the Decker Insurance Agency bill of $19,633.00. Second by Foley. A roll call vote was taken. Naebeck=aye, Rentschler=aye, Foley=aye, Smith=aye, Schaible=aye, Marsh=aye, Blackburn=aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

11. **Closed Session:** None

12. **Public Comment**

    Public comment began at 7:16 pm. Public comment was received from 3 people. Public comment ended at 7:21 pm.

13. **FYI:** None

14. Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Second by Naebeck. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Smith,
Lodi Township Clerk

Michelle Joppeck,
Recording Secretary