

# Lake Township – A missing partnership

## *Your Opinion*

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Most feel passionately about topics and situations that impact their families, homes and community. That has certainly been the case for Lake Township this past year as a new board has spearheaded proposed ordinance changes.

These changes have been met at meetings by attending residents and during roadside conversations between neighbors, with a lot of inquiry, questions, dismay and pushback. Some support them. Most seem not too. This is particularly true regarding changes that would allow lakeside fences in yards and allow a limited number of short-term rentals in Lake Township.

As I see it, the new supervisor and two other board members have not been open to constructively engaging with us residents and property owners. For those of us that have attended meetings or had phone calls with officials, it's often been a frustrating and needlessly argumentative experience.

Community development takes buy-in. It takes participation. It takes weighing the needs of the many and the few. It takes foresight and planning. It takes a vision. It takes multiple perspectives to see all aspects. The more input in these regards, the stronger the end product – a healthy, happy and vibrant community!

We need the Lake Township supervisor and the group of three he spearheads to better listen to our community input. Please listen to our ideas. Listen to our concerns. Listen to our thoughts. We have a lot of accomplished, thoughtful and dynamic property owners. It's a rich resource – please lean on it. Just because we have different opinions doesn't make them less worthy or uninformed.

Currently, there is a breakdown in trust in Lake Township, both among the board members as well as between the board and the community. I feel like the supervisor and board don't trust or value us property owners' thoughts and opinions. The board argues with itself and the residents at meetings. The residents argue with the board at meetings. It's become a vicious cycle.

Can we listen to, and trust the good intentions, of one another? Can we compromise to build buy-in? We need a fresh restart.

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