

Special Meeting - September 22, 2025

Proposed Land Division Changes

The special meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Mike Young.

Supervisor Young began the meeting with a short description of how the land division subject came about through Mark Maki, assessor for Hancock Township, at our July 14, 2025 meeting. Mark Maki had requested we discuss/change our land division policy. After lengthy discussion at three board meetings, one of which Mark Maki attended by phone, it was proposed that the township would lower the 10 acre minimum to 4 acre minimum with a 200' width which would coincide with what the state required and was a middle ground from the research that Mark Maki did over the past 28 years of the land divisions that had been requested. Our previous land division policy didn't specifically describe lands along the water which are generally much smaller. The new proposed policy did address waterfront lots to be 100' width and 20,000 square feet.

With a packed house, discussion began with one resident submitting a letter that he wished to be posted in the notes stating that he and his wife were opposed to the land division going smaller than the original 10 acres. Many people spoke to the same thing stating that is why they bought land in Hancock Township for the rural feel and less population. Supervisor Young asked the audience if anyone was in agreement to the change of a 4-acre minimum and no Hancock Township citizen at the meeting agreed. After all audience members had a chance to share their thoughts, it was then agreed by the board to keep the 10-acre minimum. Discussion then ensued about the waterfront lots. It was brought up that there may not be many, if any, lots that would be affected by the new proposal to actually be divided. It was tabled until our next board meeting, Oct. 13, 2025, so research could be done on how many waterfront lots could still be considered for division.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Jo Maki, Clerk

Mike Young, Supervisor