

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
TOWN COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Bakker called the workshop to order at 6:34pm and led the Pledge. Council Member Meadows gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council members present were Chairperson Beverly Bakker, Vice-Chairperson Joni Conner, Carolyn Bennett, and Carolyn Meadows. Planning Commission members present were Judi Costanzo, Raymond Baxter, Gail Guinta and Mike Rodgers. Mayor Hanes and Attorney George Young were present also.

**COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER**

Chairperson Bakker turned the meeting over to JBPro Planners, Kathy Ebaugh and Tara Howell.

**COUNCIL AGENDAED DISCUSSION:**

**Discussion and Consideration of the Town's Land Development Regulations.**

The following was discussed:

- 1) **Unity of Title:** Is used to combine certain parcels of land by submitting a Unity of Title Application, which includes a recorded deed, proof of paid taxes. The parcels must be under common ownership.
- 2) **Signs Currently Allowed:** Directional, flags, name plates, political, project identification, public information, real estate, special events, and isolated business.
- 3) **Signs Currently Prohibited:** Billboards, right of way, temporary lighted signs, signs with live animals, painted, pasted or printed on curbstones, flagstones or pavement, vehicle signs over 10SF, content harmful to minors, nude or semi-nude advertisements, abandoned signs, portable or mobile signs, and balloon.
- 4) **Offsite Signs:** The consensus was to allow off site signs only in commercial or industrial zoning districts.
- 5) **Highway Memorials:** The town will allow memorials, but not any accessories to be placed on town right of ways without any time restrictions. The town will provide the markers.
- 6) **Parent Parcel Definitions:** A parent parcel establishes the original legal status of land prior to changes to the code. The Town Clerk and staff will determine the control date.
- 7) **Grandfathering:** Protects lots or uses created from a parent parcel prior to the new rules taking effect.
- 8) **Vested Rights:** Protects development or use if started based on the prior rules for the parent parcel.
- 9) **New Tables:** The tables cover applications, hearings, reviewing authorities, noticing, administrator duties, boards, enforcement, divisions of land, setbacks, compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan, and parking regulations.
- 10) **CPTA Grant:** This is a reimbursable grant for up to \$75,000.00 for updating the Comprehensive Plan. JBPro will submit the grant application before the deadline of August 1, 2025.

The workshop adjourned at 8:36 pm.