

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the meetings held and issues addressed by the Caledonia Township Planning Commission during the Year 2016:

1. Held 12 regular meetings and one special meeting to hold a Public Hearing on the Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020.
2. Special Land Use Permit #24-2015 from PI Telecom Infrastructure V, LLC, was presented to the Township Board and the Planning Commission to change the location of their proposed tower.
3. The Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020 was adopted and forwarded to the DNR at "mirecgrants" on February 25th.
4. Online Planning and Zoning Training was taken by Betsy Lehdorff and Rebecca Abend.
5. Prepared a Planning Commission Budget recommendation for the Township Board.
6. Township contracted with NEMCOG to update the Tri-Townships Master Plan.
7. Reviewed the Park Ordinance #15-01 to conform with the 2016-2020 Recreation Plan and issued the Park Ordinance #16-01.
8. Developed signage for the North End Park regarding park rules and pavilion hours.
9. Reviewed an application for a Special Land Use Request for a Bed and Breakfast on Cedar Drive and determined that the application was incomplete.
10. Held a Public Hearing for the installation of a 300 foot telecommunications tower on the Hickey Hill property by PI Telecom Infrastructure V, LLC. Special Land Use Request was approved by the Planning Commission with conditions.
11. Sign Regulation training conducted by NEMOG/MSU Extension was attended by Rebecca Abend, Jack Scott, Gary Grove and Kathy Vichunas.
12. Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning training conducted by MTA which covered the subjects of the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, the Right to Farm Act, Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act; Sign Ordinances; Favorite Signs and other Free Speech Issues; Zoning Regulation of Mining; Wireless Communications; Exclusionary

Zoning and Special Use Approvals was attended by Grove, Lehndorff; Preston and Vichunas.

13. Developed meeting protocol guidelines for implementation in the Bylaws
14. Reviewed revisions to the Tri-Townships Master Plan and the Future Land Use Map to develop a draft for public review.
15. Members attended the Tri-Townships Planning Committee meetings held April 28th, July 28th and October 20th.
16. Developed the 2017 Meeting Schedule for publication.
17. Submitted the Planning Commission's 2016 Annual Report to the Township Board for their January 11, 2017 meeting