

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the meetings held and issues addressed by the Caledonia Township Planning Commission during the Year 2017:

1. Held 12 regular meetings.
2. Developed a proposed 2017-2018 Planning Commission Budget for submission to the Township Board for consideration at the Budget Workshop.
3. Prepared the 2016 Planning Commission Annual Report for submission to the Township Board.
4. Reviewed the Planning Commission Bylaws to determine if updates were needed.
5. With assistance provided by NEMCOG, worked on a major revision to the Sign Regulations in the Zoning Ordinance to comply with changes in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.
6. Two Planning Commission members attended the Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities: A Workshop for Local Government training held at ACC on March 13th.
7. The revised Park Ordinance #17-01 was forwarded and adopted by the Township Board; published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW on March 29th.
8. One (1) Planning Commission member took the On-line MTA Training – all 3 modules.
9. Developed a comprehensive Noise or Anti-Noise Ordinance which was forwarded to the Township Board; however, enforcement by the County Sheriff would be a major issue and it was decided that no further action would be taken until the County Sheriff could address the Township Board.
10. Held a Public Hearing on the Tri-Townships 2017 Master Plan on May 1st. The Planning Commission passed a Resolution to adopt the Tri-Townships 2017 Master Plan. In addition, the Planning Commission transmitted the Plan to the Township Board for their consideration and passage of a Resolution of Concurrence.
11. Planning Commission held a public input session regarding Medical Marijuana Commercial Facilities at the July Tri-Township Planning Committee meeting.

12. Several updates to the Caledonia Township Planning Commission Member List as well as the Tri-Townships Planning Committee Member List were made due to changes in membership.
13. Reviewed a request to extend the Special Land Use Permit #24-2015 for PI Infrastructure V, LLC, for the construction of a 300 foot telecommunications tower on Robin Hood Drive/Hickey Hill. A one-year extension was granted.
14. Reviewed the Michigan Townships Association's Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Resources to determine whether the Planning Commission would recommend Opt Out or Opt In for any or all of these facilities.
15. Provided input for a Township Newsletter to be included in the December Tax Bills.
16. Researched the need for 7 members on the Planning Commission and revised the Ordinance to Create the Planning Commission No. 09-92 to reduce membership to 5.
17. Held a Public Hearing on the Ordinance to Amend the Caledonia Township Planning Commission Ordinance #09-02 to reduce membership on the Planning Commission from 7 to 5 members as well as to update the Ordinance. Recommended the adoption of the Amending Ordinance #1 of 2017 by the Township Board as well as to publish the Amending Ordinance.
18. Worked with NEMCOG to revise Section 9.29, Medical Marijuana Businesses and Section 3.19, Home Based Businesses in the Township Zoning Ordinance.
19. Members attended the Tri-Townships Planning Committee meetings held April 27th, July 27th and October 19th.
20. Developed the 2018 Meeting Schedule for publication.