

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

October 6, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vichunas at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Grove, Lehndorff, Preston, Scott, Swinson, Vichunas and Williams were present.

Grove made the following correction to the **AGENDA** under Poll Members for New Business: he attended the 30 Days of Peace at St. Anne's in Alpena which included a discussion of hydraulic fracking. **MOTION** by Grove to approve the **AGENDA** as submitted by email with one correction; **SUPPORT** by Swinson; Motion carried.

Grove made the same correction to the **MINUTES**. **MOTION** by Williams to approve the **MINUTES** as submitted by email with one correction; **SUPPORT** by Grove; Motion carried.

Citizens Comments / Communications Concerning Items Not on the Agenda: No citizens were present.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals – An organizational meeting was held on October 2nd and Grove was appointed Chair. The ZBA members expressed concern that the ZBA Bylaws conflict with the Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance. Vichunas suggested that Grove make copies of the ZBA Bylaws for discussion at the November Planning Commission meeting. NOCCOG (a New York company) is offering ZBA training. Vichunas advised that training provided by sources listed in the Planning Commission Bylaws would be recognized for annual training hours. MTA may have on-line ZBA training and a request will be submitted to the Township Board for approval. It was clarified that Grove will complete Waldeck's term on the ZBA.

Board of Trustees – Scott gave a report on the September 10, 2014 meeting of the Township Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance #14-01 – Vichunas reported that the Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board at their September 10, 2014 meeting. The Ordinance was published in the **ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW** on September 17, 2014, and is effective 30 days after publication -- October 17, 2014.

Caledonia Township Citizen Complaint Form – Vichunas stated the Complaint Form was adopted by the Township Board at their September 10, 2014 meeting and will be implemented.

Updated Caledonia Township Zoning Application – Vichunas stated that the Township Board will ask the Zoning Administrator how many of the current Zoning Applications are still on hand.

Proposed Blight Elimination Ordinance #14-02 – Proposed Ordinance is waiting for the Township Board's review and adoption.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Park Ordinance – Reviewed the Sample Park Rules Ordinance and a draft will be provided for review at the November meeting.

Township Ordinances -- Vichunas is compiling a set of Township Ordinances – past to present.

Poll Members for New Business – Grove reported on the hydraulic fracturing portion of the 30 Days of Peace at St. Anne's in Alpena.

Public Comment. None.

Next Planning Commission Meeting -- November 3, 2014.

Tri-Townships Planning Commission Meeting – The last meeting of the year will be hosted by Hawes Township on October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Williams to adjourn at 9 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Grove; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Lehndorff, Secretary