

MINUTES OF CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP, ALCONA COUNTY, PLANNING COMMISSION

September 8, 2014

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Grove, Lehndorff, Scott, Swinson, Vichunas and Williams

Absent: Preston

MOTION by Swinson to approve the **AGENDA** with the addition of Mr. Rich Ringer's letter; **SUPPORT** by Williams; Motion carried.

MOTION by Grove to approve the **August 4, 2014 MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Vacant Position.

Board of Trustees -- Scott provided items of interest from the Board of Trustees August 6, 2014 meeting as published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW on August 13, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance – Awaiting the Township Board's review and adoption.

Caledonia Township Citizen Complaint Form -- Awaiting the Township Board's review and implementation.

Caledonia Township Zoning Application (Updated) -- Awaiting the Township Board's review and implementation.

Proposed Blight Elimination Ordinance #14-02 – Reviewed and discussed the additional language provided by the Township Attorney, Brian Harger. **MOTION** by Williams to accept the recommended changes with clarification for a substitution for the word, "abrogate," and to forward the proposed Blight Elimination Ordinance to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation for review and adoption; **SUPPORT** by Grove; Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections -- Nominations from the floor for **ZBA Liaison**: Williams nominated Grove; No other nominations were submitted. Nominations from the floor for **Secretary**: Swinson nominated Lehndorff; No other nominations were submitted. **MOTION** by Williams that the slate of nominees be elected by acclamation, **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

Township Park Ordinance -- Vichunas provided copies of a Sample Park Rules Ordinance for review and discussion at the October meeting.

Rich Ringer's Letter --Reviewed and discussed this letter. Based on what was submitted in the letter, the Planning Commission could not determine specific zoning issues that needed to be addressed. Will await the Township Board's review.

Poll Members for New Business: Hydraulic fracturing in Michigan may be a possible topic for review. Grove advised that he will be attending a meeting on this subject to be held at Kirtland Community College.

Public Comment - None.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – October 6, 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 Swinson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen E. Vichunas, Acting Secretary

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