

## MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

October 5, 2015

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: Vichunas, Grove, Lehndorff, Preston and Scott.  
Absent: Williams excused.

**MOTION** by Grove to approve the **AGENDA** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** None.

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

**MOTION** by Grove to approve the September 14, 2015 **MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Grove reported that the ZBA did not meet. He will request the appointment of an alternate by the Township Board.

**Board of Trustees** – Meeting held prior to Planning Commission meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Tri-Townships Master Plan** – The NEMCOG proposal (\$9,500) will be discussed at the October 8th Tri-Townships Planning Commissions meeting in Hawes Township at the South Shore Fire Station as well as the status of Alcona Township's and Caledonia Township's Recreation Master Plan and Hawes Township Zoning Ordinance revision.

**North End Park Use Rules** – Reviewed the second draft of a proposed park use sign. Issues addressed for the proposed sign will warrant review and revision of the Township Park Ordinance #15-01.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Caledonia Township Recreation Master Plan** – Reviewed questions and text of a proposed online survey sent September 22, 2015, by Denise Cline, NEMCOG. Survey will include Harrisville Twp., Alcona Twp., and Alcona County because these communities are also updating their recreation master plans. Vichunas will forward questions to Cline for clarification.

**Training for Planning Commission Members** – Vichunas provided information on a three-part MTA webcast: *Introduction to Planning & Zoning/The Basics, The Tools and The Process* for Grove, Lehndorff and the new member. Scott will request approval from the Township Board for 3 members to take the on-line course and to receive per diem.

**Zoning Ordinance Section 9.29 - Medical Marijuana Businesses** – Will begin working on updating this section of the Ordinance by reviewing suggested language from NEMCOG as well as information received from recent training.

**Tri-Townships Planning Commissions Meeting** – Last meeting is scheduled for **October 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Hawes Township (South Shore Fire Station).**

**Future Issues for Consideration** – Update Township Blight Ordinance to include Nuisances, Lawn Mowing and Dog Barking Ordinance. Determine if other sections in the Zoning Ordinance need revisions.

**Next Planning Commission Meeting – November 2, 2015.**

**Public Comment.** None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehndorff  
Secretary