

# MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**MARCH 7, 2016**

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, Scott and Abend.  
Absent: Preston and Williams.

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

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

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

**MOTION** by Abend to approve the **February 1, 2016 MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Grove; Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Abend to approve the **February 19, 2016 MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

## **REPORTS:**

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Grove advised that the board did not meet.

**Board of Trustees** – Scott gave his report of the February 3, 2016 meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Special Land Use Permit #24-2015 from PI Telecom Infrastructure V, LLC** – A letter will be sent to PI Telecom Infrastructure stating their application for the Brown property will be temporarily suspended until they notify the Planning Commission that they are ready to proceed.

**Caledonia Township Recreation Master Plan** – The Recreation Plan was submitted successfully to “mirecgrants” on February 25<sup>th</sup> by NEMCOG.

**Park Ordinance #15-01** – Reviewed the last draft to conform with the 2016-2020 Recreation Plan. Vichunas will make the revisions and forward the proposed draft Ordinance via email to the Planning Commission members for review.

**North End Park Rules** – Reviewed proposed signage to conform with the Park Ordinance and the Recreation Plan. Lehndorff will revise the draft sign and forward via email to the Planning

Commission members for review.

**Online Planning and Zoning Training** – Abend has completed the first session and has started on the second of the three sessions.

**Proposed 2016 Planning Commission Budget** – Awaiting the public hearing on the Township Board’s proposed 2016 Budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tri-Townships Master Plan** – Awaiting the Township Board’s approval of the NEMCOG contract.

**Special Land Use Request for a Bed and Breakfast at 5878 Cedar Drive – Permit #01-2016**  
Reviewed Zoning Ordinance Sections 2.1, 3.31, 5.11, 7.2, 8.0, 8.1 and 9.3, and determined application is incomplete.

**Future Issues to Address** – Review the Township Blight Ordinance to include Nuisances and Dog Barking Ordinances. Review the Zoning Ordinance to determine if any revisions are necessary in addition to the Medical Marijuana section. Review handouts regarding riparian rights in the placement of docks and hoists and sandbar issues. Eventually consider an interactive Zoning Ordinance which provides links to applicable laws and other sections of the ordinance.

**Next Planning Commission Meeting – April 4, 2016.**

**Tri-Townships Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2016 – April 28<sup>th</sup> at Alcona Township; July 28<sup>th</sup> at Caledonia Township and October 13<sup>th</sup> at Hawes Township.**

**Public Comment.** None.

**MOTION** by Lehndorff to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehndorff  
Secretary