

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

November 7, 2016

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Vichunas at 7:02 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Vichunas, Chair; Lehndorff, Secretary; Grove, Scott, Preston and Abend.

Absent: Williams

MOTION by Grove to approve the **AGENDA** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Abend; 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 **October 3, 2016 MINUTES** as submitted with one correction; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Grove reported that the ZBA met October 4, 2016 and unanimously approved a variance for a cell phone tower.

Board of Trustees – Scott gave his report of the November 2, 2016 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tri-Townships Master Plan – Rick Deuell forwarded updated draft chapters of the Tri-Township Master Plan via three emails dated November 1, 2016. In addition, Deuell forwarded Planning Commission Tasks via email dated November 2, 2016. Commissioners reviewed the documents. Any revisions must be sent to NEMCOG no later than immediately after the December 5, 2016 meeting.

Sign Regulations in Your Zoning Ordinance provided by NEMCOG/MSU Extension October 13, 2016 – Abend, Scott, Grove and Vichunas attended the training. Handouts were made available for Williams, Preston and Lehndorff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft Protocol for Meeting Minutes as addition to Planning Commission Bylaws – To be discussed as part of January review.

Park Ordinance #16-01 – Review Ordinance as requested by Township Board as soon as the Tri-Township Master Plan Draft has been finalized.

Revised Sign Regulations – Update Zoning Ordinance with the assistance of NEMCOG.

Future Issues to Address – Review Township Blight Ordinance to include Nuisances and Dog Barking Ordinances. Review Zoning Ordinance to determine if any revisions are needed 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 sections of the ordinance.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – December 5, 2016.

Tri-Townships Planning Commission Meeting – The last meeting of 2016 was hosted by Hawes Township October 20, 2016. Rick Deuell of NEMCOG led the discussion and review of the Tri-Township Master Plan. The meeting schedule for 2017 was adopted: April 27, 2017 at Alcona Township; July 27, 2017 at Caledonia Township and October 19, 2017 at Hawes Township.

Public Comment. None.

MOTION by Grove to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehndorff
Secretary

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