Caledonia Township Planning Commission
Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
11-9-2026
Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd., Spruce, MI 48762

Call to Order:
LaLonde called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance:
Completed.

Roll Call:
Sobeck - present, Halazon - present, LeClair - present, LaLonde - present, MacKinnon - absent

Approval of the Agenda:
LaLonde made a motion, seconded by Halazon. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes, August 31st, Special Meeting:
Sobeck made a motion to approve minutes with corrections made. Seconded by Lalonde. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment:
**Phyllis VanderVlucht commented that the minutes from the special meeting differed from the video taped version. She questioned the timeline for passing the ordinance and stated in 2021 BOT made an ordinance of minimum separation from nearby homes and the state ordinance differs from this.
**Gary Grove introduced himself as a past PC secretary and brought in a past book (96-07) of minutes to be placed in township records.
**Nadine Valentine stressed we need to consider what is best for the community as a whole and stated PA 233 does not give free range. She gave Cheboygan as an example and commented that they eventually overturned approval of Solar Farms. She warned that Solar Farm approval would pave way for data centers.

Written Correspondence:
There was no written correspondence

Board of Trustees Report:
Scheduled to meet 11-10-26 at 7pm, Caledonia Township Hall.

ZBA:
No new business

Zoning Administrator Report:
No report

Tri-Township Report:
The Tri Township Planning Commission met October 14, 2026. There was discussion about involving school children in environmental education and participation/pledge to help our environment. Ongoing solar issues were also discussed.

New Business:
Zoning ordinance updates were discussed. It was noted that Consumer's has purchased property in Caledonia Township and will pursue approval through state means if no local agreement can be reached. The ordinance will continue to be upgraded with newest information available to us. NEMCOG has updated their master ordinance. This was reviewed and substantial changes were noted.

Sobeck made a motion to table ordinance to allow time to compare this and others as available. Motion to be brought back to table next month. LaLonde seconded the motion. All in Favor, motion passed.

Old Business:
Short term rentals issues were discussed. This was previously forwarded to the board without recommendations. The Township Board returned it to the PC without approval. Members expressed concern about enforcement and pointed out renters already sign an agreement through the rental agency. There was discussion and agreement that we will adopt the suggested motion as is or deny it altogether with no changes.

Commissioner's Comments:
LeClair addressed the concerns raised by VanderVlucht in an earlier public comments section. He also commented on the scope of issues raised with regard to solar farms and explained some of the work the commission has been doing. He reminded the public that there is going to be a meeting held by Consumers Power at the Township Hall on November 18th from 3 to 7 pm., to address questions and concerns.

Adjourn:
Sobeck made a motion to adjourn, Halazon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed
The meeting adjourned at: 8:15 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:
December 7th , 2026, 7 pm
Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, MI

Respectfully submitted by:
Barb Halazon

Date: 11-16-26