

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

May 1st, 2017

The Regular Meeting was 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, Chair; Grove, Secretary; Klarich, Scott, Williams, Abend.
Absent: Lehndorff

MOTION by Williams to approve the **May 1st, AGENDA**, as submitted by email, with removal of “the Caledonia Township” from two motions; **SUPPORT** by Abend; Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Mr. and Mrs. Bowen expressed their concerns about very loud music on Hubbard Lake and asked the Planning Commission to draft a noise ordinance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Abend to approve the **April 3rd, 2017 MINUTES** as submitted by email, with correction of date on second page at “P.C. Minutes draft”; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals—Grove reported there were no appeals; the ZBA did not meet.

Board of Trustees —Scott reported on April 12th, Board of Trustees meeting.

MOTION by Scott to open the Public Hearing on the Tri-Township 2017 Master Plan, in accordance with the Michigan Enabling Act (P.A.33 of 2008, as amended). At 7:34 p.m.

SUPPORT by Grove; Motion carried.

A. Vichunas, Read Public Notice.

B. Open Public Comment; there were none, and none were submitted via email, or mail.

C. Closed Public Comments

D. No additional comments for deliberations.

MOTION by Williams to close Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Klarich; Motion carried.

MOTION by Williams to pass the Resolution of Adoption of the Tri-Township 2017 Master Plan by the Caledonia Township Planning Commission; **SUPPORT** Grove. Motion carried.

MOTION by Scott For the Caledonia Township Planning Commission, in accordance with the Michigan Enabling act (P.A.33 of 2008, as amended) to transmit the adopted Tri-Township 2017 Master Plan to the Township Board for their consideration and request a Resolution of Concurrence. **SUPPORT** by Abend; Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed Oak Wilt Prevention—A sincere thank you for the sample ordinance provided by a Township property owner, but at this time no further action will be taken due to consumer

Energy's change in their tree cutting protocols.

REVISED SIGN REGULATIONS – Reviewed revisions with all deleted language removed; Discussed questions identified by NEMCOG; which resulted in additional questions for review at the next meeting.

TRAINING – Klarich completed his on line MTA Planning and Zoning Basic Training .

REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMERCIAL FACILITIES—

Discussion re the 5 types of commercial facilities as well as the possibility of holding meetings to obtain citizen input for allowing commercial facilities in the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRI-TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE met April 27th 2017 Vichunas gave synopsis of meeting, which included Medical Marijuana discussion, ordinances and better format for meetings.

NOISE ORDINANCE—Planning Commission to review similar ordinances and begin development of a proposed ordinance at next meeting.

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 – June 5th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

2017 TRI-TOWNSHIPS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS –July 27th at Caledonia Township and October 19th at Hawes Township. All meetings begin at 7:00 P.M

Public Comment. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen thanked the Planning Commission for listening to their noise concerns on the lake.

MOTION by Abend to adjourn at 8:40p.m; **SUPPORT** by Williams; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Grove
Secretary

