

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

November 2, 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, Scott, Williams and Abend.
Guests: Lloyd Daggett, Ben Varney, Lukas Varney, Robert LaBelle, Nancy Beck, Judy Becker

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Lloyd Daggett was concerned that proposed signage prohibited swimming at the North End Park.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT IN THE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Grove to approve the October 5, 2015 **MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Grove reported that the ZBA held an organizational meeting. Swinson was appointed secretary. The appointment of an alternate member has been requested.

Board of Trustees – Scott gave his report of the October 14, 2015 meeting.

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE – Ben Varney and Lukas Varney of Pyramid Network Services and Attorney, Robert LaBelle of G2 presented information on a proposed 300 foot cellphone tower at 6531 Hubbard Lake Road. The representatives identified the need for several variances. Lukas Varney will email additional information to Vichunas. The Planning Commission will schedule a public hearing for the proposed tower during the regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 7, 2015 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tri-Townships Master Plan – The Tri-Townships Planning Commissions have discussed the NEMCOG proposal to update the Plan and agreed to ask their Township Boards to budget approximately \$3500 for this shared cost in 2016.

North End Park Use Rules – Scott will ask for clarification from Township Board regarding swimming at the North End Park.

Park Ordinance #15-01 – Until clarification is received from the Township Board, proposed revisions will be suspended.

Caledonia Township Recreation Plan – Reviewed and discussed the online survey results and action plan provided by NEMCOG.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training for Planning Commission Members – Lehndorff and Abend will take the online MTA Planning and Zoning Training course. Grove completed the course this summer.

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

Tri-Townships Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2016: April 28th at Alcona Township; July 28th at Caledonia Township and October 13th at Hawes Township.

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

Next Planning Commission Meeting – December 7, 2015.

Public Comment. None.

MOTION by Preston to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lehndorff
Secretary