

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

December 4, 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; Scott, Williams,
Citizen: Adam Thompson.

MOTION by Grove to approve the December 4th **AGENDA**, as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Williams; Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Williams to approve the **November 6, 2017 MINUTES** as submitted by email; **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 the **November 13th** meeting of the Board of Trustees.

OPEN Public Hearing at 7:10 to Amend the Caledonia Township Planning Commission Ordinance #09-02 to reduce the membership on the Planning Commission from 7 to 5 members as well as to update the Ordinance:

A. Read the Public Hearing Notice.

B. Public Comments: None.

Close Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. Motion by Scott; SUPPORT by Williams; Motion Carried.

Deliberations on the Ordinance to Amend the Caledonia Township Planning Commission Ordinance #09-02:

A. Recommend forwarding the Amending Ordinance #1 of 2017 to the Township Board for Adoption. **MOTION** by Scott; **SUPPORT** by Grove; Motion carried.

Note: If adopted by the Township Board, the revision must be published with an effective date of 63 days after publication. Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008, 125.3813, Section 13 (1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Special Land Use Permit #24-2015 for PI Infrastructure V, LLC, for the Construction of a 300-foot telecommunications tower on Robin Hood Drive/Hickey Hill — No updates. Grove visited site and shared that he spoke with loggers, and power to be installed December 11, 2017.

Proposed Revision of Sign Regulations —Planning Commission discussed combining revisions to the

Sign Regulations and Medical Marihuana regulations under Amending Ordinance #1 of 2018. The Sign regulations are nearly complete but the sample ordinance language for home base primary caregivers (Section 3.19 in the Zoning Ordinance) recently provided by NEMCOG will be reviewed for inclusion in the Amending Ordinance #1 of 2018.

PROPOSED ANTI-NOISE ORDINANCE—Planning Commission will continue reviewing similar ordinances as well as a Blight and Nuisance Ordinance. More discussion at next Planning Commission Meeting, after Township Board asks the Alcona County Sheriff to discuss law enforcement authority for enforcing noise ordinances.

Tri-Townships Planning Committee Member List for 2017—Changes identified at the October 26th meeting were made and the revised list was forwarded to Planning Commission Chairs and Committee Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Revision to Section 9.29, Medical Marijuana Businesses – Continue review of NEMCOG’s suggestions regarding Section 3.19, Home Based Businesses to determine if any changes are needed. Determine if this Change could be included in the Amending Ordinance #1 of 2018.

Review Proposed 2018 Meeting Schedule and Place of Meetings—**MOTION** by Williams; **SUPPORT** by Scott— **To Adopt the 2018 Meeting Schedule along with time and place of meetings by a Planning Commission Resolution. Roll Call Vote with all Ayes.**

Interactive Zoning Ordinance -- Discussed adding to Township Web Site in the near future.

FUTURE ISSUES TO ADDRESS – Review Zoning Ordinance to determine if any other revisions are needed. Review handouts regarding riparian rights in the placement of docks and hoists and sandbar issues.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – **January 8 , 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

TRI-TOWNSHIPS 2018 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Alcona Township –April 19th; Caledonia Township July 19th and Hawes Township –October 18th. All meetings begin at 7:00 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Grove
Secretary