

**Minutes of Caledonia Township, Alcona County, Planning Commission
June 1, 2009**

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: Freigruber, Hahn, Preston, Scott, Vichunas, Williams and Waldeck.

Guests: Bill Larsen, Randy Werth, Martha Werth, Gary Shaver

MOTION by Freigruber to approve the **Agenda** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Williams; Motion carried.

MOTION by Freigruber to approve the **Minutes** of the May 4, 2009 meeting as submitted by email from Secretary Waldeck; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Shaver, who lives in Tollson Subdivision, asked if there is a Blight Ordinance and if so, how is it enforced. Vichunas stated that the Zoning Administrator is the person who enforces the Township's Blight Ordinance. If it is determined that there is a violation of the Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator can issue a citation. Vichunas suggested that this issue be brought before the Board of Trustees at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Freigruber requested that the Board approve his attendance at MTA training in Gaylord on July 22, 2009 (5:45 to 9:00 p.m.). The training is entitled, LULU (Locally Undesirable Land Uses). To obtain the early bird rate of \$70, registration is required by June 24th.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals: Freigruber stated that the ZBA will meet on June 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. regarding a request for a variance on a setback at 6008 Cedar Drive.

Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis - Scott read the Synopsis published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW on May 13, 2009 and provided additional items of interest. Scott also stated that the new web site is www.caledoniatwp.net and is still pending.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 7:35 p.m. on the **Proposed Definitions and Language for Crematoriums.**

A. Secretary Waldeck read Public Notice published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW on May 13, 2009.

B. Public Comments: FOR: None
AGAINST: None

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 7:40 p.m.

Deliberations on the Proposed Definitions and Language for Crematoriums.

MOTION by Waldeck to send the Proposed Definitions and Language for Crematoriums to the Township Board for review and adoption; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried. Freigruber reminded members that the proposed Definitions and Language for Crematoriums must to be submitted to the County Board of Commissioners for their 30-day review period prior to Board approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revised Bylaws – Vichunas will enter the Planning Commission Ordinance Number and effective date to the Bylaws and will forward them to the Planning Commission members.

Zoning Ordinance Book Revision – Vichunas continues to work on.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance re Sexually Oriented Businesses – Draft of May 7, 2009 was reviewed. Vichunas will make changes and forward to members. Freigruber suggested that a public hearing not be scheduled until after the July 22nd MTA training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed ORV Ordinance – Scott stated that they are awaiting the outcome of the County Board of Commissioners decision on June 3, 2009. Public Hearings were held on May 20th and 21st.

Proposed Condominium Ordinance – Freigruber is working on.

POLL MEMBERS FOR NEW BUSINESS: Topics regarding review of the Master Plan adopted June 14, 2006, were discussed. It was noted that agricultural land must be preserved as well as forest and recreation areas. Freigruber requested review of the Recreation Plan. Waldeck volunteered to research MTA regarding sample ordinances on burning trash.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – July 6, 2009.

Next Tri-Township Planning Commission Meeting – Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Caledonia Township.

MOTION by Freigruber to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jane Waldeck, Secretary