

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

August 7, 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, and Abend.
Also present were two Citizens and B. Varney

MOTION by Abend to approve the **August 7th AGENDA**, as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Abend to approve the **July 10, 2017 MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Williams; 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 **July 13th** meeting of the Board of Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for an Extension of the 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--

Mr. Ben Varney stated reasons for the delay were due to Verizon scheduling issues; followed by Planning Commission discussion. Construction to be scheduled for September or October 2017.

MOTION by Williams to approve Special Land Use Permit #24-2015 for one-year extension to August 26, 2018; **SUPPORT** By Abend; Motion carried.

Municipal Civil Infractions--Resources from NEMCOG were forwarded by email to Planning Commission Members to review and discuss at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TRI-TOWNSHIP 2017 MASTER PLAN—Caledonia Township documents were mailed to R. Deuell, NEMCOG, by letter dated June 28, 2017. At the Tri-Township Planning Committee Meeting held July 27th, both Alcona and Hawes Townships advised they would be finalizing their paperwork the week of July 31st.

PROPOSED REVISION OF SIGN REGULATIONS –Planning Commission had much discussion on pros and cons of proposed regulations. NEMCOG will assist with Amending Ordinance #1 of 2017 to be in compliance with State Law. Further discussion at September’s meeting.

REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMERCIAL FACILITIES—Minimal public comments –all negative- at the Tri-Township Planning Committee Meeting on July 27, 2017.

Planning Commission Member List for 2017—Will be updated for the September meeting.

Tri-Townships Planning Committee Member List for 2017—Finalized and sent by email;

PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE—Planning Commission will continue reviewing similar ordinances and develop an Anti-Noise, Ordinance as well as a Blight and Nuisance Ordinance. More discussion at next Planning Commission Meeting. Also received **MICHIGAN’S FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT 256 of 2011** to review.

FUTURE ISSUES TO ADDRESS – 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. Discussed putting informational letter in with tax bills to help awareness of Township Zoning Regulations; special events; etc.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

FINAL 2017 TRI-TOWNSHIPS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING– October 19th at Hawes Township at 7:00 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION by Williams to adjourn at 8:35p.m; **SUPPORT** by Abend; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Grove
Secretary

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