

MINUTES OF CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP, ALCONA COUNTY, PLANNING COMMISSION
July 9, 2012

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

MOTION by Preston to approve the **AGENDA** as submitted by email with an addition under New Business to review Maple Ridge Township's recently published Ordinance addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

MOTION by Scott to approve the June 4, 2012 **MINUTES** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Chair received an email regarding blight concerns. Scott to follow up with Zoning Administrator at the next Board meeting.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Waldeck stated that she had not received confirmation of the response to M. Mead's request for an appeal to the ZBA. A written copy of the ZA response is necessary for closure and record keeping. Scott to follow up.

Board of Trustees – Scott provided items of interest from the Board of Trustees, June 13, 2012 meeting published in the **ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW** on June 20, 2012. Waldeck recommended that a Public Hearing be held at the August 6, 2012 meeting regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance language on Fences and Walls and amending the Section 202 Definition for Fences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance Revision – Continued discussion and revisions of the draft Zoning Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of the Township's current Cemetery Ordinance in light of current information in the May, 2012 MTA article on Cemeteries and continuation of research by Waldeck.

Review recent publication of Maple Ridge Township's Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code to ascertain relevance to Caledonia Township with further research by Waldeck.

Poll Members for New Business: Municipal Law Update on Medical Marijuana ruling and wireless communication equipment as it relates to Special Use approval was provided for review to determine further action. Preston will review MTA's June update on Medical Marijuana.

Waldeck noted she will be attending the Planning and Zoning Educational Workshop held on August 8, 2012. Topics will include the New Michigan Zoning Enabling Act amendment (PA 43 of 2012), regulating the recreational use of road ends (PA 56 of 2012), land divisions, lot divisions, non-conforming uses/structures; etc. Members were asked to let her know if they have any legal questions for the "Ask the Lawyer" segment of this Workshop.

Public Comment - None.

Next Planning Commission Meeting – August 6, 2012.

Next Tri-Township Planning Commission Meeting -- July 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Caledonia Township.

MOTION by Williams to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Preston; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Waldeck
Secretary

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