

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting

October 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman William Geukes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: William Geukes, Mike Essig, Dan Birochak, Christin Rice, and Bill Shuler, and Jordan Klint

Absent: None, 1 position still to be appointed

Zoning Administrator – Richard Kubsch

Township Trustee – John Wilk

0 - Guests attended

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by: Christin Rice; seconded by: Mike Essig; all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – reported by: Mike Essig:

1. Passed a resolution for Early Voting, partnering with the Berrien County Clerk's office to handle early voting.
2. Set the mill rate at 3 Mil.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT – reported by: Mike Essig

1. Met to do a review and approve the Appeals Board rules and procedures .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes was made by: Jordan Klint; seconded by: Mike Essig; all ayes, motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Non-agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Zoning Administrator Report

Richard Kubsch:

1. The solar ordinance has been sent to Williams and Works and also to Attorney Scott Dienes. Attorney Dienes is putting it on hold for a bit for the new State of Michigan changes that should occur before being adopted.
2. Rental Ordinance – It has been recommended by Attorney Dienes to include clarify what can be in a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Uses that can or could be in a C1 District. Suggested amending to allow single family/two family or multi-family dwellings as permitted by section 16.40A.
 - a. Motion to call for a Public hearing for the Ordinance Text Amendment for the November 6, 2023 meeting was made by: Mike Essig, seconded by: Jordan Klint; all ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Discussion was held on a timetable for the solar ordinance and the updated sign ordinance.

Audience Comments

Opened at: 7:15 p.m.

Trustee John Wilk asked about the posting of minutes on the website. This should be done monthly, but there are gaps of missing minutes on the Planning Commission page and possibly others.

Christin Rice stated that the minutes should be sent to Joe Wehmann for posting each month after they are approved.

Mike Essig stated that he would look into why this has not happened

Closed at: 7:18 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Mike Essig, seconded by: Bill Shuler at 7:19 p.m.; all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting November 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date