

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting
December 5, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman John Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were: Chair John Murphy, John Wilk, Gaylord Rochefort, William Geukes and Christin Rice

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast also attended.

Newly elected Township Board Member Nancy Mensinger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, was made by Christin Rice; second by: William Geukes, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 7, 2016 minutes was made by Gaylord Rochefort; second by: William Geukes, all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

1. Water Department pumped 51.7 Million Gallons in October Compared to 57.6 Million Gallons pumped in October of 2015.
2. Baroda-Lake Township Police reported 2322 complaints year to date. They are also adding an additional officer.
3. Lake Charter Township has 2,200 registered voters and 1,747 voted in the November Presidential Election.
4. The Board adopted the 2017 operating budget. A 3.0% raise for the employees was approved.
5. Fire department had 32 calls in the past month; 26 were medical.
6. A resolution of Appreciation was given to Trustee Terry Eichler for his many years (28) of service to the Township.

ZBA REPORT – John Wilk reported:

The ZBA will meet again in January of 2017.

Chairman John Murphy greeted those in attendance and read the rules on the back of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Petition for Zoning Amendment. Tax ID # 11-11-0136-0028-0-3. Petitioner Beverly Hildebrandt of 11990 S. Hildebrandt Dr., Sawyer, MI 49125, is requesting the property be rezoned from (R-AG) to C-1 Commercial.
 - a. Presentation was made by Art Atilla Relator representing Ms. Hildebrandt. The family is requesting to make this change in the area which will fit more into the Township's Master Plan. Majority of the area is already commercially zoned.
 - b. Public Comment on the amendment was opened at 7:07 p.m.
 - i. Jordan Klint stated that he is in support of the rezoning.
 - ii. Public comment was closed at 7:09 p.m.

c. Discussion Planning Commission

- i. William Geukes – Stated he was in favor since it made the property more compliant to the surround area.
 - ii. Christin Rice – No issues.
 - iii. Gaylord Rochefort – Asked if the area was land locked, the petitioner explained the family history on the property and pointed out the exact area on the map. The rezoning would resolve the issue.
 - iv. John Wilk – Agreed with the rezoning to make it more attractive to investors or developers.
 - v. Joh Murphy – Agreed with all the members' comments.
- d. Motion to recommend the approval of the rezoning petition was made by: Gaylord Rochefort, seconded by John Wilk, all ayes motion carried.

2. By-laws

- a. Final draft copy was signed by Chairman John Murphy to be given to Township Clerk Gloria Payne for official record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Opened at 7:17 p.m.

Jim Gast updated the members that he had gone to the workshop on legalizing Medical Marijuana; and discussed the sign ordinance.

Closed at 7:28 p.m.

REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –

For January there is currently nothing on the agenda. Discussion was held on the making/adding comments by the members to the 9-steps of a Special land Use Permit. Most agreed that if there were any objections, they would be voiced during the SLUP approval.

ADJOURN –Motion by Christin Rice, seconded by William Geukes to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date