

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting February 1, 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: Chairman John Murphy, Vice-Chair Gaylord Rochefort, John Wilk and Christin Rice, and William Geukes

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes was made by John Wilk; second by: William Geukes, All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by: Gaylord Rochefort and second by: Christin Rice, all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – John Wilk reported:

- 1) The Baroda Lake Township Police reported 2,751 calls in 2015.
- 2) The Lake Township Fire Department had 27 calls in December 16 of which were medical.
- 3) The Cemetery had 36 burials and 10 cremations in 2015.
- 4) The water main replacement from Water Tower to Gast Road is to be put out for bid, approximately 8000 ft.
- 5) The Township will purchase Dell Computers as replacements.
- 6) The Water Department pumped 48 million gallons in December, compared to 54.2 million gallons in December 2014.
- 7) Buildings permitted in 2015 totaled 43,145,524.51. (\$2,914,369.33 – Residential, \$155,180.00 – Commercial and \$231,000.00 – Industrial)
- 8) GIS Mapping for the Water System was approved.
- 9) Approval was given for 20/20 work for the Water Plant 920 hours in lab & 20 hours in distribution)
- 10) Approval was given for designation a Lead Worker for the Lab and in Distribution.
- 11) Approved the Officers approved for the Fire Department:
 - a. Chief Harold Heyn
 - b. Assistant Chief Dan Scheer
 - c. Captain Tony Jones
 - d. Lieutenant Mike Essig
 - e. Engineer Jim Ott
 - f. Safety Officer Jim Hausmann
 - g. Training Officer Allen Weich

Members discussed Water Purity and Testing options available in lite of the Flint Michigan water crisis.

ZBA REPORT – John Wilk reported:

The ZBA met to elect the same slate of officers as last year and welcomed a new member.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review wording changes to the proposed Conditional Rezoning Ordinance for accuracy, accept Williams & Works review and comments if any.
 1. Open for Public Comments – 7:15 p.m. - None
 - i. Jim Gast reviewed and discussed the changes made on the following:
 - ii. Table of Contents
 - iii. Chapter 16 #5
 - iv. Rezoning section of the Zoning Ordinance

- v. Addition of the map
- vi. Section 4-D, Page 19-7
- vii. Section 19-50
- viii. Section 19-09
- ix. Change in time limit to 1-yes extensions

2. Planning Commission Discussion

- i. John Wilk – None
- ii. Gaylord Rochefort – Discussed the elimination of errors on the part of the Planning Commission.
- iii. William Geukes – Stated that Jim Gast did a good job on the research.
- iv. Christin Rice – None
- v. John Murphy – None

3. Action

Motion by William Geukes, seconded by John Wilk to recommend to the Township Board to accept the ordinance changes as presented by Jim Gast, all ayes; motion carried.

2. Sign Ordinance word changes

1. Public Comments – 7:40 p.m. – None

- i. Jim Gast presented the changes on the sign setbacks. The ordinance states the sign encroachment is on Public Property or Privately Owned Property. He suggested the removal of the word “easements” and replacing it with “Public Property or Privately Owned Property” under Page 14-6.

2. Planning Commission Discussion – Discussed the issues of removing easements from the wording, and some local scenario’s that happened and different types of solutions known to be in place.

3. Action

Motion by Christin Rice, seconded by William Geukes to recommend the prosed sign ordinance changes omitting the word Easement, all ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –

For the March – none at this time.

ADJOURN –Motion by William Geukes, Seconded by John Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date