

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting February 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Christin Rice called the roll. Board members present were: Chairman John Murphy, Vice-Chair Gaylord Rochefort, John Wilk, and William Geukes

Absent: Charles Toth

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 1, 2014 minutes, was made by William Geukes; second by: Gaylord Rochefort, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – John Wilk reported:

- 1) Fire Chief reported 32 calls in December: 24 – Medical, 8 – Fire related. 360 fire calls were dispatched in 2014
- 2) Cemetery had 5 burials in January – 31 Full Burials and 12 cremations in 2014.
- 3) Setback text amendment was approved in the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) 666,158,425 Gallons of water were used through the Lake Township Water Plant in 2014.
- 5) Baroda-Lake Township Police Department handled 2.203 calls in 2014..

ZBA REPORT – John Wilk reported:

ZBA met on Thursday January 8, 2015 and held its election of officers and approved minutes. All of the officers remain the same.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Gaylord Rochefort's request that Zoning Administrator Jim Gast provide the Planning Commission with copies of all amendments to the Lake Township Zoning Ordinance from November of 2011 to date.
 - a) Jim Gast reported that of the total 9 changes only ½ went before the Township Board, None of them were published.
 - b) Those that were presented/approved by the board will be published right away.
 - c) Those that are still un-approved will go before the board for immediate approval and publishing.
 - d) The copies of the amendments will be given to the Planning Commission members after they have all been through the full process.
 - e) Jim Gast will follow through unless the Township Board decides differently.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Opened at 7:42 p.m.

- a. Jim Gast presented the Planning Commission members with the Berrien County Planning Commission's results of the Set-back and front yard fence height requirements. He suggested holding a Public Hearing to review the County's opinions.
- b. Motion by William Geukes to call for a Public Hearing to address the County's concerns on the front yard fences. Seconded by John Wilk, all ayes, motion carried.

Closed at 7:50 p.m.

REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –

None were discussed

ADJOURN –William Geukes made the motion to adjourn, second by Gaylord Rochefort: All ayes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

William Geukes – Secretary

Date

Christin Rice – Recording Secretary

Date