

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting April 4, 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 March 7, 2016 minutes was made by Gaylord Rochefort; second by: William Geukes, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – John Wilk reported:

- 1) The water Department pumped 55.3 million gallons in February 2016; up from the 47.3 million gallons pump in February 2015.
- 2) Approved the purchase the Lenardson property located next to the Lake Township Park for future use in the amount of \$150,000.00.
- 3) Approved the refinancing of current water bond to get a lower interest rate.
- 4) Reviewed and discussed the Police Department budget.
- 5) Approved the removal of the grapes patch on the property next to the Cemetery.
- 6) Approve the Surfair wireless contract for the antenna on the water tower.
- 7) The Cemetery had 2 full burials and 2 cremations.
- 8) Baroda-Lake Township Police Department reported 609 call to date this year so far.

ZBA REPORT – John Wilk reported:

The ZBA currently has nothing on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Jim Gast reviewed the letter from the Berrien County Planning Commission on the Conditional Rezoning Ordinance. It concurs with the Township Planning Commission in recommending the proposed text amendments. Jim Gast plans to ask Township Supervisor John Gast to add it to their April agenda. Once approved it is a new ordinance, and it is not in the current Master Plan. Discussion was held on the options of how to include it. Also discussion on setting standards for rental properties and ordinances on draining of swimming pools into the Galien River Sanitary District Sewer system.

REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –

For the May – Review of the Planning Commission By-laws, and discussion on the review of the Master Plan. Jim Gast will provide a list of ordinance changes to review.

ADJOURN – Motion by Christin Rice, seconded by William Geukes to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date