

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting
May 7, 2018**

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: John Murphy, Gaylord Rochefort, Nancy Mensinger, Christin Rice and William Geukes.

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes was made by William Geukes; seconded by: Nancy Mensinger; all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – Nancy Mensinger reported:

1. The Board reviewed the bids for the Date and Snow Road water main's and voted to accept the bid from B&Z Company with a bid of \$708,415.00 to start on July 9, 2018 and to be completed by October 10, 2018.
2. Deputy Sexton has separated his employment with the Township. The Board approved Josh Rothrock to move into the position in an increase in pay grade 7 within 1 year.
3. Extension of the assessor's agreement was approved to keep HSC as the Assessor for \$2,800.00 per month starting July 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.
4. Township Park Board
 - a. Betty Korcek had asked to be replaced on the Park Committee. She had donated many volunteer hours to the park and will be missed. Gary Hanlin asked to fill her position. Gary has helped with the soccer leagues and is interested in the care and improvement of the Park and on being on the Committee.
 - b. The pavilion rental fee for Bridgman City residents has changed due to a recommendation from Treasurer Bob Clark. With the new fee's going into place for the City boat ramp, the committee agreed to change the rental fee for City residents to \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. The Board approved making it the same as Township residents. The new rate will go into effect September 1, 2018 in time for the 2019 season.
5. Water Plant – The Township board approved the GIS Data System for the water Plant. Operator Toban Riley presented to the Board the program, and its benefits, created by Silversmith. The program will work with our water plant data information for mapping the water lines. The Board approved the cost of \$6,300.00 for the first year with set up. The annual cost will be \$2,100.00 for the program.
6. A resolution on setting the speed limit on Lange Road was discussed. The speed limit had been 25 mph for many years. In 2017 the Berrien County road Commission removed the sign and residents have been working hard to get a speed limit sign posted. With no posting the speed is 55 mph, Michigan State law changed in 2006 making 25 mph illegal so the sign was removed. The resolution would facilitate a decision from the Berrien County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police to do a study on this. There were a number of Lange road resident present at the meeting expressing their concerns.

ZBA REPORT – Nancy Mensinger

ZBA Board will be meeting on May 10, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open for public comments at 7:14 p.m.

None

Closed public comments 7:14 p.m.

DISCUSSION - DECISION OF PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS

The members discussed continuing education options for the Planning Commission. Chairman John Murphy mentioned the upcoming Master Planners Classes coming up in June.

Nancy Mensinger and Gaylord Rochefort attended the workshop of AG Tourism held in Oronoko Township.

There was no update from Jim Gast on the Swimming Pool revision or sign ordinance as he did not attend.

REVIEW ITEMS FOR June 4, 2018 MEETING

Review of Swimming Pools possible revision on front yard restriction.

ADJOURN

Motion by Christin Rice, seconded by William Geukes to adjourn the meeting at 7:315 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date