

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting July 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Zoning Administrator Jim Gast did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 1, 2015 minutes was made by William Geukes; second by: John Wilk, All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by: Chairman John Wilk; second by: William Geukes, all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – John Wilk reported:

- 1) The Water Department pump 65.7 million gallons which is a 20% increase over recent months.
- 2) The Fire Department had 30 calls, 22 of which were medical.
- 3) The Cemetery had 4 full burials and 4 cremations in the past month.
- 4) Christin Rice was appointed the Planning Commission to complete the term of Charles Toth.
- 5) The assessor's contract was extended for 3 years at \$2,700.00 per month.
- 6) A fifth Monday joint meeting was held on June 29, 2015. With the City of Bridgman Commissioners at the Lake Charter Township Hall. Presentations were made by the Bridgman Schools Superintendent, Cali Berg of the Economic Growth Alliance and Bridgman City Manager Juan Ganum.
- 7) The Township Board approved the naming of a private road of Jericho Road as "Brunke Drive" and the request of Mr. Art Brunke.

Gaylord Rochefort asked John Wilk about the water contract with Baroda. Mr. Wilk stated it is being discussed as well as the contract with Chikaming Township.

ZBA REPORT – John Wilk reported:

ZBA met for two variance requests on Jericho Road which were granted. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 9, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Township Board direction to call for Public Hearing for the Kelly Branch application for August 3, 2015 meeting.
 - a. Motion by Gaylord Rochefort, seconded by William Geukes to call for Public Hearing for the Kelly Branch application on August 3, 2015, all ayes; motion carried.
2. Call for a Public Hearing to address Conditional Rezoning in all districts for August 3, 2015
 - a. Motion by William Geukes, seconded by Christin Rice to call for a Public Hearing to address conditional rezoning in all districts for August 3, 2015, all ayes; motion carried.
3. Ask for the Township Attorney Scott Dienes be in attendance at the August 3, 2015 meeting.
 - a. Motion by John Wilk, seconded by Gaylord Rochefort to request the attendance of the Township Attorney Scott Dienes to attend the August 3, 2015 meeting to address the Planning Commission's concerns, all ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Opened at 7:08 p.m.

- a. Kelly Branch asked for clarification of this meeting meant that things were good to go. Chairman Murphy stated it was and they his application is on the August agenda per the motions made.

Closed at 7:11 p.m.

REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING –

Chairman Murphy asked the members to review the items and prepare for next month's meeting.

William Geukes made a motion to resign as Secretary of the Planning Commission and nominate Christin Rice as the Secretary/Recording Secretary.

Discussion:

1. Gaylord Rochefort stated that he agreed in part to the resignation of William Geukes as secretary and to appoint Christin Rice, but felt that the Planning Commission needs a recording secretary as well a secretary as we have had in the past.
2. John Wilk agreed that it is harder to participate in a meeting and take the minutes.
3. William Geukes stated that Township Clerk Payne does this all the time and Christin Rice should be more than able to handle it. He stated that this was an appropriate thing for him to do.
4. Christin Rice stated that she was willing to try doing both for a few months and if she felt overwhelmed she would voice her concerns for further action at a later date.
5. Chairman Murphy stated that this seemed fair.

Motion was seconded by John Wilk, 4 yes and 1 no.

ADJOURN –William Geukes made the motion to adjourn, second by Gaylord Rochefort: All ayes; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice – Secretary/Recording Secretary

Date