

**Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting
August 6, 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 present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 2, 2018 minutes was made by Gaylord Rochefort; seconded by: William Geukes; all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – Nancy Mensinger reported:

1. Approved the 2018 donation of \$10,000 to the CGA
2. Park Fencing with the new property; the fence area between the two properties needs to change to access the pole barn. Doing this changed the East ball field lines. The fence needs to be put in for the bordering lines. Also need to remove the other fence to help with drainage and access. There are 2 bids for the project
 - a. Fence Master bid for new fence for ball field at \$5,495.95 removal \$950.00
 - b. Wiltse Fencing bid for new fence for ball field \$5,752.27 no removal.
 - c. Board approved to have Fence Master do the project.
3. Board approved the Greenwood Cemetery paving and repair at the Park. Michigan Paving bid for \$16,500.00 to include 1" overlay on back horseshoe area and to fill in around the two draining area by the pony field at the park.
4. Water valve which is broken in the closed position at Shawnee and Cleveland Ave. This valve is for Baroda Township water. Our contract with them has expired and this repair will be covered by Lake Township. The old contract states that the lines are our responsibility. Bids are from:
 - a. B & Z for \$25,560.00
 - b. Woodruff & Son for \$28,731.88
 - c. D'Agostino for \$33,250.02
 - d. Board approved to have B & Z do the repair.
5. Tabled the security upgrade for the Public Safety Building. Looking at other department systems until we are sure this one works.
6. Bridgman scholarship organization is looking for some place to store the float.
7. Water plant usage is down because of the Cook Nuclear Plant, due to them installing a system for their steam and will not be using our water.

ZBA REPORT – Nancy Mensinger

ZBA Board meet in July with no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

2. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open for public comments at 7:10 p.m.

Jim Gast briefly discussed the swimming pools in the front yard issue. The sign ordinance may be delayed until the winter months and reported that the Building Department has been busy with 2 new home constructions and 2 or 3 more applications on his desk. He also handed out ordinance book revisions.

Closed public comments 7:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION - DECISION OF PLANNING COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS

John Murphy led the discussion on the solar Farming handout. It was asked that Jim Gast look into what other Jurisdictions are doing and if their ordinances reflect any additions or changes on this. All members agreed and Christin Rice suggested that this matter should also include Windmills and Wind Farming.

REVIEW ITEMS FOR August 6, 2018 MEETING

Jim Gast handed out packets of information on an SLUP for the August meeting

ADJOURN

Motion by William Geukes, seconded by Nancy Mensinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date