

# **Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting September 12, 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 also attended.

Attorney Scott Dienes

Newly elected Township Board Member Nancy Mensinger

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda, with the removal of item #1 Special Land Use Application by Tim Logan, was made by: John Wilk and second by: Gaylord Rochefort, all ayes, motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes was made by William Geukes; second by: Christin Rice, all ayes, motion carried.

## **TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT**

1. Presentation was given by Marla Clark of Lake Michigan College on the millage proposal being put forth of .48 mills for 10 years for capital improvements. Judy Hapwood of the "Friends of LMC" also spoke for the need to provide education to residents of Berrien County.
2. Fire department had 42 calls in July, 30 were medical.
3. The Park parking lot is being paved.
4. Cemetery had 3 full burials and 1 cremation in August.
5. Warren Dunes Estates expansion project is in full swing.
6. Six residential building permits were issued.
7. Water department pumped 90.1 million gallons in July compared to 69.6 million gallons in 2015.

Jim Gast reported that the Park Zoning Amendment has been forward to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, so far no reply has been received

## **ZBA REPORT** – John Wilk reported:

The ZBA met in August and approved the minutes, there was no other new business.

Chairman John Murphy greeted those in attendance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and comments of our Lake Township Planning Commission By-laws by Township Attorney Scott Dienes.
  - a. Attorney Dienes reviewed the by-laws line by line and made recommendations. The revisions of the by-laws were conflicting and some of the recommendations had already been changed. Most of the discussion centered on the duties of the officers and the tenure. Attorney Dienes stated that most of the changes were detailed items and that it would be best to eliminate specifics.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Opened at 7:50 p.m.

Board Member Nancy Mensinger stated that she came at the request of Township Supervisor John Gast.

Closed at 7:55 p.m.

**REVIEW MAIN POINTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** –

For the October – Special Land Use Application by Tim Logan

**ADJOURN** –Motion by William Geukes, seconded by John Wilk to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christin Rice - Secretary

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Date