

**Buchanan Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 28, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular March 28, 2018 meeting of the Buchanan Township Planning Commission (PC) was called to order by Chairman Dennis Wentworth at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Dennis Wentworth (Chair), Scott Albright, Gerald (Jerry) DiPietro, Amber Breden, Daniel Lakin and Sheila Reitz, Kimberly Scarpone

Members Absent:

Others Present: Staff Member: Enforcement Officer Eileen Glick. Also present: Mario Palmisano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2018

Errors were corrected in the minutes and the minutes were presented to the commission by the secretary. Kim Scarpone moved to approve the corrected minutes, Scott Albright seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jerry DiPietro moved to accept the agenda as presented. Dennis Wentworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Eileen Glick reported that the Red Bud Truck track is on original parcel. She also indicated that the gravel pit and grading are now finished. Regarding the property on 13177 Main Street, she indicated the matter was before the Township Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment – Municipal Civil Infraction

Kim Scarpone moved to open the public hearing, Jerry Di Pietro seconded. Public Hearing opened 6:39pm

Eileen Glick presented the draft amendment, amending Chapter 29, Section 29.03 Enforcement. Scott Albright brought up concerns (attached to minutes) that the Enforcement Officer needs to be supported in their role to preclude possible liability based upon enforcement actions. A discussion ensued and solutions offered to minimize liability.

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Jerry DiPietro motioned to close the Public Hearing, Kim Scarpone seconded. Public Meeting Closed 7:11pm

The Planning Commission made changes to the Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented by Eileen Glick. Additions are as follows: (Additions are in upper case.)

2. a. Issues a violation letter SENT BY CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL, to the property....
2. c.municipal civil infraction citation, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.
3. e. ... The township may recoup the incurred costs by adding the costs to the Winter Tax bill against the land(s) of the defendant in the Township.

Dennis Wentworth moved to accept the corrected Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Section 1. Section 29.03 for adoption by the Township Board. Jerry DiPietro seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Sheila Reitz

Amber Breden

Dennis Wentworth

Jerry DiPietro

Scott Albright

Daniel Lakin

Motion passed unanimously.

Sheila Reitz announced the upcoming MSU Training on The Right to Farm Act on April 30. Interested parties should notify Sheila.

Sheila Reitz also gave an update on the progress on the codification of the ordinances. Finally, she reported that the Township Board approved a budget for the planning commission.

Jerry DiPietro submitted a paragraph on the possible Redistricting of some of the properties in the Clear Lake area. The Zoning Board of Appeals have had several hearings regarding the same issue that required a variance. It is suggested that we study the affected properties on come up with a proposal to eliminate the need for variances, based on a change of district and or ordinance changes. (attached to the minutes)

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

Meeting Adjourned PM 6:52pm


Gerald DiPietro Secretary

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