

**Buchanan Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 26, 2019**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular February 26, 2019 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, Daniel Lakin, Kimberly Scarpone

Members Absent: Amber Breden

Others Present: Enforcement Officer Eileen Glick.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2019**

Sheila Reitz moved to accept the January 24th minutes and Daniel Lakin seconded. ALL APPROVED

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sheila Reitz moved to add the new budget under New Business to the agenda, Scott Albright seconded. ALL APPROVED

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Bertrand Twp gave notice that they approved their Master Plan, notice dated Dec 12, 2018.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review of the Master Plan - Reports

Chapter 4 - Sheila Reitz reported that we need to wait to have next census before amended population

*Housing Permits Issued:*

2010- 9	2011- 7
2012 -2	2013- 4
2014- 4	2015-12
2016- 9	2017-14
2018-11	

Chapter 3 – Kim Scarpone reported made typo corrections in old MP and updated the traffic counts per Southwestern Michigan Commission for major streets (attached) note: update counts and rewrite the last paragraph

Chapter 5 – Daniel Lakin reported nothing new to add at the present time. Sheila Reitz said add: Administrative Assistant to Page 27 to Twp. Offices.

Chapter 6 – Dennis Wentworth reported that under Agriculture and Open Spaces amend the last paragraph to emphasize rural, timber nature rather than pure agriculture. The old survey

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indicated that 40% of the respondents want character to remain rural. Regarding a new survey, Dennis doesn't think there will be any major changes to the last survey, except for the MJ issue. Sheila indicated that the MJ issue was voted down in the township by 64 votes.

Chapter 7 – Scott Albright reported that we need to amend the graphic (map) to reflect Tuit property, now AG and Municipal property, was. Also commented that previous PC members did a great job on previous plan. Also, made a correction that R-1 is 2 acres or larger not 1 (page 36 para 1).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Public Comment Policy

Dennis Wentworth moved to accept the Public Comment Policy as written, Kim Scarpone seconded, **ALL APPROVED**

Request to add Concerts to Special Use Permit Section of the Ordinances – approached by RedBud to have concerts in their acquired gravel pit. Can put in Recreational use in Special Use, or Ordinance.

Proposed budget for PC provided by Sheila Reitz

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Dennis closed public comment period at 7:25pm

Meeting Adjourned 7:30PM

Next Meeting is March 27, 2019 6:30PM



Gerald DiPietro, Secretary  
Buchanan Township Planning Commission

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Bertrand Township letter dated 2/15/19 RE: Master Plan Updated
- Proposed TWP PC Budget
- Feb 26, 2019 PC Meeting Signin Sheet