

Buchanan Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The March 24, 2021 meeting of the Buchanan Township Planning Commission (PC) was called to order by Chairman Dennis Wentworth at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Dennis Wentworth (Chair), Scott Albright, Gerald (Jerry) DiPietro, Daniel Lakin, Rachel Plank, Amber Breden
Members Absent: Kimberly Scarpone
Others Present: Zoning Officer Eileen Glick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present

ELECTIONS

Elections were held for Chairman, Secretary and Alternate for Chairman.

Dennis Wentworth was re-elected as **Chairman** (G. DiPietro motioned, S. Albright seconded, ALL APPROVED)

Jerry DiPietro was re-elected as **Secretary** (D. Wentworth motioned, D. Lakin seconded, ALL APPROVED)

Scott Albright was elected as **Vice-Chairman** (G. DiPietro motioned, D. Lakin seconded, ALL APPROVED)

G. DiPietro recommended *Daniel Lakin* to be the liaison to **the Zoning Board of Appeals**, A. Breden seconded ALL APPROVED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scott Albright moved to approve the agenda, Rachel Plank, seconded
ALL APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 30, 2020

Daniel Lakin moved to approve the September 30, 2020 minutes of the Planning Commission minutes as written; Amber Breden, seconded.
ALL APPROVED

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Radio Tower Ordinance(s)

Eileen presented a complaint from a resident regarding a ~120', self-standing wifi antenna tower erected without the benefit of a permit, in violation of our Communication Towers Code, Chapter 80. Chapter 80 is a civil code, but the Planning Commission needs to address this issue as an ordinance.

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The members discussed several options regarding how to approach a pair of ordinances to cover new tower construction, one for residential and the other for commercial.

Eileen handed out a couple of ordinances, one from Three Oaks, MI and the other from Hope Township, MI. Their ordinances are complex and appear to apply to commercial towers. The board would like to pursue separate ordinances for residential and commercial.

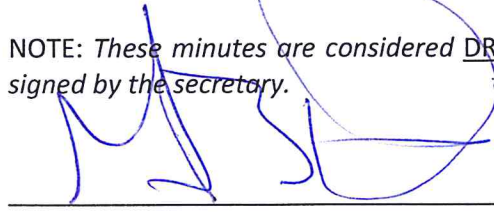
Eileen Glick will prepare suggestions for the next meeting and asked the board to contact her with ideas.

Next meeting scheduled for ~~April 28, 2021~~ May 12, 2021

Meeting adjourned PM by Dennis Wentworth 7:30PM

Gerald DiPietro, Secretary
Buchanan Township Planning Commission
Prepared March 29, 2021, Rev May 4, 2021

NOTE: *These minutes are considered DRAFT MINUTES of the PC Meeting until voted upon at the next PC meeting and signed by the secretary.*



Gerald DiPietro, Secretary

Dated: May 12, 2021 *minutes are approved by A.G.*