

**Laketon Township Planning Commission
November 14, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Don Nellis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Cindy Zaagman, DJ Hilson, Dave Mieras, Don Nellis, June Earhart, Eric Anderson and Paul Hoppa
- Absent: None
- Also present: Zoning Administrator Theresa Maner, Recording Secretary Veronica West and Township Supervisor Kim Arter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Eric Anderson moved to approve the amended agenda. Paul Hoppa supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Nellis noted a small typographical error on the spelling of Dykstra Rd that needs to be corrected. Paul Hoppa moved to approve the minutes with the typo correction noted. Dave Mieras supported the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: **NONE**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Planning & Zoning News – Current issue for informational purposes only
- Citizen Planner Class – ZA Theresa Maner noted she has taken the final class in the series and will be getting her certificate in the mail from MSU Extension.
- Bear Creek Watershed Implementation Project – ZA Theresa Maner commented on the visit to this project that was done through West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). The project was done via a land acquisition by WMSRDC to create a flow through marsh to help filter water from Twin Lake headwaters before going into the Ribe Drain and heading into Bear Creek and ultimately Bear Lake and Muskegon Lake. WMSRDC will be turning over jurisdiction of this marsh to the office of the Muskegon County Drain Commissioner via an easement.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Preliminary Site Plan Review for Proposed Fenner Glen West (site condo):** Project developer Chris Kelly has requested discussion/decision on this project be tabled to a later, to be determined date. Eric Anderson if it would be inappropriate to discuss the project as a recap for those that were not at the last meeting. Don Nellis thought that it would not as the developer asked for it to be tabled. June Earhart moved to table this item. DJ Hilson supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.
- **Updates on Park & Rec Plan/5 yr Review:** No updates or discussion at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kim Arter gave an update on the recent approval of Prop 1 regarding legalizing recreational marijuana that passed on election day. She noted the Board will be discussing it, as the proposal carries a provision that local municipalities must “opt out” if they do not want dispensaries in their municipality. DJ Hilson commented that over 100 communities statewide and commented that as a township resident he would hope the board would seriously consider opting out. There was also discussion of how soon the law would be implemented, and DJ Hilson stated the election results must be certified by the Board of Canvassars and then the law takes affect 10 days after certification, but that there is a lot of work to do with writing laws regarding dispensaries, penalties, driving under the influence etc and it will probably take about a year for this to happen.

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There was also discussion about the other proposals regarding gerrymandering and election laws but it is unknown how those will affect the local municipalities yet. It was also noted that the Muskegon County 911 phone surcharge increase did not pass.

BOARD REPORTS:

- Twp Board – Cindy Zaagman reported that the culvert on N Green Creek Rd that was washed out by heavy rain in September has been replaced by the MCRC and the road is now re-opened, paving will take place in the spring. She also reported on another MCRC culver replacement project on Memorial Dr near Weber Rd that will be starting next week. It was also noted that MCRC will be working on a number of things in Laketon Township next year, including a complete resurfacing on W. Giles Rd from Whitehall Rd to Scenic Dr that will also include some additional work around the Buys Rd intersection and bridge work over Green Creek at W Giles Rd and Memorial Dr.

ADJOURN: Dave Mieras moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Zaagman supported the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Veronica West
Recording Secretary