

LENOX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Chuck Stremersch ó Chair
Shirley Shepherd-Hunter
Cox - Co-Chair ó Absent

Karen Turchi ó Secretary
Jerry Gennette
Dave Birchler ó Planner
Stephen Cassin ó Planner

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Shepherd-Hunter and supported by Cox to approve the minutes from December 21, 2015 with no changes.

Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Shepherd-Hunter and supported by Cox to approve the agenda with no changes.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Julie Cox, 29 Mile Road, asked if there was something to be done regarding the trash haulers on Gratiot and 29 Mile Road. The drivers of the trucks are not showing courtesy to other vehicles at the intersection. She was directed to call Pine Tree Acres offices to lodge a complaint regarding their drivers.

Township Planner

Five Year Master Plan Discussion

Birchler introduced Stephen Cassin as the newest member of Clearzoning. He has many years of experience and will be an asset to Lenox Township.

Bircher explained that his office has tested the on-line Public Input Survey. The survey should take about 3 minutes to complete. Birchler's office will supply copies of the survey to all members of the Planning Commission and the Township Offices. Birchler indicated that the Goals and Objectives may change when the survey results are tabulated. Birchler will then submit and implementation plan.

The Commission members discussed how to market of Lenox Township and show the possibilities of land development and economic developments within the Township. They discussed the development of the Gratiot Corridor and how the Village of New Haven will potentially fit into the selling of Lenox Township.

The Commission members reviewed item 2. c, d and e of Birchler's memo. They discussed how to open a dialog with Pine Tree Acres regarding how the landfill will figure into the Townships long term goals. How long will the landfill remain open, how can the negative aspects of the landfill be rectified. What types of businesses can co-exist around the landfill.

What types of business would benefit from the services the landfill may be able to supply. What types of businesses are located around other landfills in and out of Michigan? How long will the methane gas last? Cassin will contact the landfill to get information.

How can Lenox Township open dialog with the Village of New Haven and Pine Tree Acres to keep the commercial development contained to certain sections of Gratiot. The current zoning map has the 28 Mile Road and Gratiot area designated as commercial. Birchler and Cassin will investigate how the landfill can be utilized. Birchler recommends the Commission invite the Village of New Haven and the City of Richmond Commission Members to brainstorm to benefit all communities.

Adjournment

Motion by Gennette and supported by Shepherd-Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Fouchia
Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Turchi
Secretary