

**Lenox Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm with the following members present:

Jerry Gennette - Chair
Mike Vennard - Co-Chair
Scott Clifford - Secretary
Joe Marino

Marnie Ickes
Stephen Cassin – Township Planner

a) Pledge of Allegiance

b) Call to Order

c) Approval of Minutes

Motion by Marino supported by Vennard to approve the minutes as written from November 20, 2017. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

d) Approval of Agenda

Steve Cassin requested an addition to the agenda under New Business **7 d. Rezoning Request.**
Motion by Clifford supported by Marino to approve the amended agenda. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

e) Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business at this meeting.

f) New Business

a. Rezoning Request from 2825 Lenox, LLC. 19-06-23-300-007, Vacant from Agricultural to Industrial Restricted and Commercial General.

Motion by Vennard, supported by Marino to set a Public Hearing for the February 26, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

b. Special Land Use Request from Anne Deleo, 19-06-32-300-014, 28135 26 Mile Road.

Motion by Marino to hold Public Hearing on February 26, 2018 for Anne Deleo's request for Private Kennel, supported by Vennard. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

c. Special Land Use Request from Chaille Tower Consultants for Parallel Tower Development, LLC, 19-06-13-126-005, 36750-30 Mile Road.

Motion by Marino to schedule the Chaille Tower Consultants Public Hearing for February 26, 2018, supported by Vennard. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

d. Rezoning 19-06-26-100-001 & 19-06-27-200-009, Vacant, from Agricultural to Commercial General and Industrial Restricted.

Motion by Clifford to hold the Public Hearing for the Wieczorek property on February 26, 2018, supported by Marino. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

e. Election of Officers

Motion by Marino to nominate Scott Clifford to continue as Secretary. Clifford accepted. Seconded by Vennard. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

Motion by Marino for Mike Vennard for Chair.

Vennard stated that he appreciated the nomination for Chairperson, but would like to Co-Chair before becoming Chairperson, as he is required to do a large amount of travel.

Motion by Marino to nominate Vennard to Co-Chair.

Vennard accepted. Seconded by Ickes. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

Motion by Clifford to propose Gennette to continue as Chairman, Marino seconded.

Gennette accepted. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

8. Public Comments

Joe Stevens, Casco Township Planning Commission. We look forward to working with you. Keep up the good community relations.

9. Communications Presented

There were no communications presented for this meeting.

10. Township Planner

Cassin presented a request from St. Augustine Catholic Church regarding the expansion of their cemetery into the boundaries of Lenox Township. Lenox Township Ordinance does not allow cemeteries in a Residential District, although many surrounding communities do. The Planning Commission must consider their request and determine whether to proceed. If the Commission agrees to proceed, they would approve for the Planner to investigation alternatives or to amend the Ordinance to allow this. A Public Hearing would be held to recommend approval or denial. Ultimately, it would go the Township Board. If the Planning Commission might be interested in considering this request from the church to allow cemeteries in Residential District, direction would be necessary to explore language to consider.

Motion by Marino to have Steve Cassin amend or rewrite the Ordinance on cemeteries, seconded by Vennard. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

*Chairperson Gennette believed that he does not vote on motions unless his vote is required as a tie breaker.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Vennard to adjourn at 7:44 pm, seconded by Clifford. All Ayes. *Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanette M. Ventimiglia
Recording Secretary

Scott Clifford
Secretary