

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON January 4, 2017  
**APPROVED**

The Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Andrew Brown with members Mario Zaranenello, Bill Marske, Gary Wood, Grace Rappe and Joseph Reed present. Member Richard Carlson was absent.

The Agenda was reviewed. Zaranenello moved to approve the agenda, supported by Marske. Motion carried.

Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2016 were reviewed. Marske asked that on the second to last page, near the bottom, "moth" be amended to "month." Wood moved to approve the minutes as amended, supported by Rappe. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:** Reed questioned if the Building Administrator role is currently full or part time. It was clarified that it is currently a part time role with posted office hours.

**Other Communication:** None

**Reports:** Wood reported that the kick off meeting with McKenna and Associates will take place on January 12<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the first meeting will be to outline the process. Rappe expressed that the public has been eager to provide input. Wood answered that at the upcoming meeting the best process for community engagement will be discussed. The commission listed several topics that they would like to see considered in the ordinance including:

- Trees
- Dark Sky
- Marijuana Dispensary
- Green Corridor
- More focus on City Centers
- Storm Water
- Building on Critical Dunes
- Rentals
- Signage
- Oak Wilt Tree
- Wind Farm and Solar
- Chickens
- Farmland Preservation

Attorney Charles Hilmer stated that he recently reviewed the new Three Oaks Ordinance. He added that it was very comprehensive and addressed topics such as dark skies, trees, and wind/ solar energy.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments:** Leo Krusack came forth to state that was very pleased with the conversation taking place during the meeting and is happy the township is taking their future so seriously.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further, Marske moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. Supported by Zarantenello.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jess Miller  
Recording Secretary

Richard Carlson  
Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission