

**Bertrand Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
December 4, 2014**

1. Chairman Racht called the meeting held at 3835 Buffalo Road to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were: Bauer, Duis, Hicks, Marsh-McCarty, Racht, and Wagner. There was no Ex-officio. Supervisor Hicks, Treasurer Kuhn, and Zoning Administrator Glick and several guests were also present.
2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Announcement of Agenda.
4. Chairman Racht opened the Public Hearing to consider a SLU Application for a Bed and Breakfast. Zoning Admin Glick made remarks concerning the property and there was a presentation by the applicant. There were 3 public comments in favor of the B&B. The Commission requested a site plan sketch showing parking, waste area, and signage. Sketch was presented. There was no opposition to the SLU request. **Motion** by Marsh-McCarty and support by Duis to close the public hearing. **Voice Vote: Motion Passed.**

Board Discussion ensued. **Motion** by Marsh-McCarty and support by Duis to approve the Special Land Use Application as submitted for a Bed and Breakfast at 2325 Portage Rd to Ron and Cindy Hestad. **Roll Call Vote: Bauer-yes, Duis-yes, Hicks-yes, Marsh-McCarty-yes, Racht-no, and Wagner-no. Motion Passed.**

5. **Motion** by Wagner and support by Marsh-McCarty to approve the BTPC Minutes from November 6, 2014 as presented. Racht abstained. **Voice Vote: Motion Passed**
6. Zoning Administrator Report – No new construction.
7. No public comments.
8. Unfinished Business – The farm winery, swimming pool, and storage unit text amendments were approved by the BTB. Commissioner Wagner publicly thanked Hicks, Marsh-McCarty, and Racht for their lengthy efforts on these text amendments.
9. New Business
 - A. 2015 Meeting Dates and Times. Discussion ensued. January and July meetings were cancelled. **Motion** by Hicks and support by Duis to exclude January and July dates from the list and approve the rest of the meetings dates as presented. **Voice Vote: Motion Passed**
 - B. 2015 Planning Budget. Discussion ensued. **Motion** by Racht and support by Marsh-McCarty to approve the 2015 Planning Budget as presented. **Voice Vote: Motion Passed**
 - C. PC Recommendations to BTB
Discussion ensued. **Motion** by Marsh-McCarty and support by Wagner to recommend to Supervisor Hicks and the BTB to reappoint Rhonda Hicks to the position of Planning Commissioner. Hicks abstained. **Roll Call Vote: Bauer-yes, Duis-yes, Marsh-McCarty-yes, Racht-yes, and Wagner-yes. Motion Passed.**

Motion by Marsh-McCarty and support by Bauer to restate the motion of November 6, which is that, where as Treasurer David Kuhn is qualified as a Civil Engineer, and where as he has also expressed interest in serving on the BTPC, that therefore the Bertrand

Township Planning Commission recommends to the Bertrand Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees that Treasurer David Kuhn be appointed to serve as the ex-officio to the Bertrand Township Planning Commission. **Roll Call Vote: Bauer-yes, Duis-yes, Hicks-yes, Marsh-McCarty-yes, Racht-yes, and Wagner-yes. Motion Passed.**

10. Correspondence – LMC – Michigan Planner Training Modules – Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning will be offered in February 2015. The class will meet for 7 weeks and the township will need at least 5 students to participate. All commissioners expressed interest in attending the class.

The township is included in several lawsuits currently.

11. Treasurer Kuhn expressed concern that the township should be proactive in Zoning Practices regarding Wind Turbines.
12. **Motion** by Marsh-McCarty and support by Racht to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Hicks dated
Bertrand Township Planning Commission
Secretary