**Bertrand Township Planning Commission**
**Regular Meeting**
**March 5, 2015**

1. Chairman Wagner called the meeting held at 3835 Buffalo Road to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Those present were: Bauer, Duis, Hicks, Kuhn, Marsh-McCarty, and Wagner. Vice-Chairman Racht was absent. There were no guests present.

4. **Motion** by Kuhn and support by Marsh-McCarty to approve the BTPC Minutes from February 5, 2015 as presented. **Voice Vote: Motion Passed**

5. Reports:

   i. Zoning Administrator – No report

   ii. Township Board – David Kuhn
   A. PC budget was added as presented to BT budget to be approved at the BTB March meeting.
   B. In February the BTB voted that Secretary Rhonda Hicks' efforts on the PC should not be compensated. The vote passed 3-2 with Lano, LeClaire, and Zelmer voting yes.
   C. Text Amendments were approved and published.

   iii. Michigan Planner Training Module – Mary Duis – The class is very beneficial to PC members. The BTPC would like to express its gratitude to LMC for sending the technician down from Benton Harbor to make the class possible. The class is providing valuable insight to Zoning, for example, it now appears that the Application for C & S Machines should have been presented to the Planning Commission instead of the BTB.

6. No public comments.

7. March Meeting Topic – Wind Energy

   i. Current Ordinance provides several sections on Wind Energy

   ii. The PC felt that there was no need for further refinements

   iii. Recommendations were: to include referencing and foot notes in the definition chapter to enhance the ease of researching any particular issue, and to have a date stamp printed on each page of the ZO to verify if the statements are up to date.

8. Other Business – Next month's topic will be Micro Brewery and Small Distillery Text. Commissioners will forward any questions or comments regarding LSL's draft wording to the PC Secretary by March 25 for preparation of a document for April's meeting

9. **Motion** by Marsh-McCarty and support by Bauer to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rhonda Hicks, Secretary dated
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