

**Draft of the Regular Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting  
October 5, 2016**

1. **Call to order-** Chairperson Daly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm  
Cronenwett appointed acting secretary.
2. **Roll Call-** absent- Schultz, Morris and Derhammer. Heather Mitchell attending for Derhammer.  
All others present.  
David Jirousek, LSL Planning.
3. **Approval of Minutes from September 7-** Motion Tarchala, Second Paquin to approve minutes as submitted. Abstain, Daly, all others voted in favor. Minutes approved.
4. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Tarchala, Second Daly to approve agenda with addition of item 9A- Discussion of changes at LSL. All voted in favor. Agenda approved as amended.
5. **Public Hearing** on Zoning Code Text Amendments- no public comments.  
Motion to close public hearing- Daly, second Tarchala, all voted in favor. Hearing closed at 7:05
6. **Public comments on Agenda items-** none
7. **New business-** Possible annexation of ball fields behind former “Legends” bar. Current owner Mark Lipson would like to pursue annexation of the fields from Antwerp Township to the Village of Paw Paw to consolidate the property under one jurisdiction to facilitate the development of an indoor baseball training facility.  
  
Planning Commission is fully in support of this proposal and has asked Heather Mitchell to convey our support to the Antwerp Township Board.
8. **Old Business-**
  - A. Zoning code text amendments: Motion by Cronenwett, second by Tarchala to approve the zoning code text amendments: definitions, boarding houses, temporary housing, low impact development, and fences.  
Roll call vote- all voted in favor.
  - B. Discussion of Trailway Project- Phil Tarchala reports that Wightman and Associates has informed him that the Trailway Project grant will be denied by the DNR for the following reasons:
    - Not enough total points
    - Not enough letters of support
    - No decision by MDOT on the use of their easements.

Phil is looking for direction on how to proceed at this point. The Planning Commission would like to look at the report from the DNR to better understand how far short the proposal falls and in what areas before deciding how to proceed.

**9. Comments and Communications Concerning Items not on the Agenda**

- A. Discussion of Changes at LSL: David Jirousek explained that LSL is closing their Grand Rapids office and he has taken a position with a new firm in Grand Rapids which offers the same general services, Williams and Works. The Planning Commission expressed their appreciation for the high quality of service that David has provided us while at LSL.

The Township will be requesting bids from a number of planning agencies, including Williams and Works and hopes to have planning services in place in the very near future.

10. **Adjournment:** motion Daly, second Tarchala. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Cronenwett  
Acting Secretary