Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Roll Call – Rice-excused absence, Kolka-excused absence, Warner-present, Harig-present, Vermeesch-present

Approval of Agenda- Vermeesch asked that under New Business a discussion of the 2016-2017 PC Budget be added to agenda. MM by Warner to accept the Agenda as amended, 2nd by Harig. Motion carried to approve Agenda 3-0

Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Public Comment related to Agenda Items – none

Approval of March 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Two items that need to be amended on the minutes are the spelling of Lynn Smolenyak and that the wording “Warner acknowledged that” be added to the minutes referring to the Letters of Opposition. MM by Warner to approve minutes as amended, 2nd Harig. Motion carried to approve Minutes 2-0-1 with Vermeesch abstaining due to not being aware that Warner had acknowledged letters of opposition.

Zoning Administrator’s Report – Read by Frank Hamilton, Deputy Zoning Administrator. Report is also available on the Township website.

New Business –
PC Budget discussion. PC discussed that the same budget that was approved for the 2015-2016 term would be acceptable for the 2016-2017 term.

MM by Warner to accept the 2016-2017 PC Budget that will be presented to the Township Board. 2nd by Harig. Motion carried 3-0.

Special Use Permit Application presented by the Bier Family to start a Microbrewery and Tasting Room at 17959 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan. Application was reviewed and discussed and suggestions were made to the applicant regarding parking, handicap access, licensing and bathroom facilities. PC asked the Biers to present the PC with a more detailed Site Plan showing the existing and proposed businesses.

MM by Warner to have a Public Hearing for the Special Use Permit for a Microbrewery and Tasting Room at 17959 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, MI at the May 9, 2016 PC Meeting to be held at the Norwood Township Hall at which time the applicant must have the updated and completed Site Plan as requested. 2nd by Harig. Motion passed 3-0.
Old Business –
Telecommunications and Wireless Tower discussion and Ordinance review of Section 3.27, Section 7.03.12 and how it pertains to the Master Plan. PC had questions for Planner Meyers who was not at meeting so tabled until the May 9, 2016 PC Meeting.

Announcements & Correspondence –
Township Board announced that Cherry Capital Communications will be placing a repeater tower on the Township Hall to provide a Hot Spot for internet users in the Village.

There will be Planning Commission Elections for Officers at the May 9, 2016 PC Meeting.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Norwood Township Hall which will include a Public Hearing for the S.U.P. Application for the Bier Family Microbrewery and Tasting Room.

Public Comment –
Lynn Smolenyak stated the Telecommunications and Wireless Tower Ordinance was designed for setbacks. Lynn feels the 300% from property line is excessive but would like to see the setback be within the fall area on the host property.

Ray Bier stated that Technology has come a long way since he was on the PC Board.

Shari Jones commented on the Microbrewery discussion and stated that for a restaurant there are certain rules for restrooms pertaining to the amount of people that the facility can hold and that the Bier’s would have gotten that information from the Health Department when getting their approval. Shari also stated she was giving the Bier’s her support for the S.U.P.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.
Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary