



**Meeting Minutes  
Lodi Township Planning Commission**

**February 28, 2017  
Lodi Township Hall  
3755 Pleasant Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Veenstra at 7:30 PM – The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

**Roll Call of the Commission**

Present: Diuble, Swenson, Taylor, Thelen, Veenstra.

Absent: D'Agostino, Steeb

Others Present: Township Planner Don Pennington and members of the public, including Kim Bryant, Dave Ploucha, Neelam Kumar, Surrendra Kumar, Garrett Wickham, George Riedel, Nicholas Mazzola, Joe Salanta, Julius Bunek, Janet Ploucha, and Bill Parker.

**2) Public Hearing – Rezoning Application 2017-001, Parcel M-13-24-100-005**

Chairman Veenstra explained the public hearing process and also that the Commission would address the request formally further down the agenda after the hearing is completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Thelen, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Veenstra invited George Riedel to speak on behalf of the property owners, Ronald and Perla Hatch. Riedel stated that it is the desire of the owners to change the zoning to R-1 and eventually divide the parcel into three lots for the construction of single family dwellings.

Chairman Veenstra asked Planner Pennington for his comments. Pennington noted that he has met with the applicant and reviewed the site and that three lots could be draw on the parcel while meeting and township requirements. He further stated that the property is currently zoned agricultural, but it is surrounded by residential use, including a Planned Unit Development, Three Arch Bay. He noted that the property has not been used for agriculture at any time in the recent past. The parcel has two buildings, one of which is a barn, and it has many trees. He has talked with the applicant about preserving as many trees as possible. The zoning change should not significantly increase the need for township services and it should add value to the property. He stated that he does not see any concerns with the request.

