

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on March 15, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER: Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll was called and members present were: Sue Balkema, Walt Kohnke, Don Kramer, Brian Moravek, Joan Orman and Tim Vosburg. Members absent: Art Samson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Balkema moved to approve the agenda. Kohnke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Balkema moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Moravek moved to leave each officer in his/her present position. Kohnke seconded. Roll call vote: Vosburg Y; Kohnke Y; Balkema Y; Kramer Y; Orman Y; Moravek Y. Motion carried.

2016/2017 MEETING DATES: Vosburg moved to accept the calendar of 2016/2017 meeting dates. Balkema seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**KOOPER'S MARINE REQUEST – INFORMAL PRESENTATION**

Jack Houtkooper of Kooper's Marine was in attendance to informally discuss his inquiry regarding use of land zoned Ag 2 to construct a pole barn approximately 65' x 150' in size in which he would store boats on a seasonal basis. He does not plan for any retail activity to take place on the property.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that Mr. Houtkooper's plan for the property is not a permitted use in the Ag 2 zoning district. The steps necessary to make any amendment to the Ag 2 zoning district were discussed. Kramer suggested that Mr. Houtkooper talk with Attorney Rolfe to learn more about the steps and costs involved in obtaining the various permits necessary to get such a request in motion.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizens present.

MEMBERS' TIME: Discussion of Mr. Houtkooper's request continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm upon motion by Vosburg. Support by Balkema. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 3/15/16 by Joan Orman, secretary