

**CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP**  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on May 17, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER: Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

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

CITIZENS PRESENT: Jerry Vander Roest

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Kohnke/Samson moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Samson/Kohnke moved to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE MICHIGAN RIGHT TO FARM ACT - FARM MARKETS / ROADSIDE STANDS: Kramer led the commission members through a review of the proposed ordinance amendments as provided in a memo from Craig Rolfe dated September 22, 2014. Samson expressed some concern over the extent of processing allowed under Item I Farm Market. No desired changes or corrections in the draft text were noted. Vosburg/Balkema moved to recommend the Township Board accept the proposed Farm Markets / Roadside Stands text amendments to the Charleston Township Zoning Ordinance. CARRIED

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON WATERFRONT LOTS: Commission members reviewed tentative amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding waterfront setback requirements and accessory building location. After discussing what is understood as rear and front yards on waterfront property and realizing that many variables are involved, Samson/Moravek moved to table the issue for further investigation and study. CARRIED

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

MEMBER'S TIME: Samson wondered if the waterfront lot issue would be on the June agenda. Kramer replied in the affirmative depending on what other business comes to the commission. Plans were made to contact lake associations, other townships and the Michigan Township Association for additional information regarding accessory buildings on lakefront property.

Samson/Kohnke moved to adjourn at 8:06p.m. CARRIED

*Prepared 5/18/16 by Sue Balkema*