

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on August 16, 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, Art Samson and Tim Vosburg.

CITIZENS PRESENT: Mr. & Mrs. James Wright. Also in attendance was Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Balkema moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting. Kohnke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – THE WRIGHT FENCE: The Planning Commission went through the site plan review for James Wright's (The Wright Fence) project step-by-step to assure all conditions were met. Balkema asked for a review of the proposed project, which was provided by Mr. Wright. Discussion ensued about various aspects of the project.

Balkema moved to recommend that the Planning Commission approve the site plan review for The Wright Fence's project, noting that construction/paving of a driveway, the size of a potential future building, and/or any signage will be determined by the Township's permitting process. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON REZONING ISSUES: Supervisor VanderRoest and the Planning Commission members discussed the current Land Use Plan (created in 2005) regarding consideration for an updated 10-year plan. Kramer suggested that Commissioners look at the present map and make notes regarding suggested changes/updates. Kramer asked VanderRoest to make a list of the suggestions he has on the topic for distribution to Planning Commission members.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizen comments.

MEMBERS' TIME: Moravek noted that the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) is hosting regional meetings, featuring one in Kalamazoo on Sept 29. VanderRoest added that it appears the session is aimed more at Township Boards rather than Planning Commissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm upon motion by Samson. Support by Kohnke. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 8/16/16 by Joan Orman, secretary