

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on September 20, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER: Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Also present: Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

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

WATERFRONT LOT BUILDINGS: After much discussion regarding the allowance of accessory building placement in the "front yard" of a dwelling (between the street and primary dwelling) the Planning Commission decided that the Chairman should contact Attorney Rolfe to inquire about options for this situation.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON REZONING ISSUES: Supervisor VanderRoest displayed several maps of areas that he suggests should be discussed for consideration of re-zoning on the Planning Map - looking 10+ years into Charleston Township's future. The Planning Commission agreed that a group tour of various areas of the Township is in order, which will be scheduled in the near future so that the Planning Commission can begin work updating the Planning Map.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizens present.

MEMBERS' TIME: Returning to the waterfront discussion, Samson mentioned that he had looked in the Zoning Ordinance and had found no definitions for "waterway," i.e. what constitutes a lake, river, pond. Samson cited the example of Morrow Lake - which is really part of the Kalamazoo River. It is felt that a definition of a "waterway" would be a worthwhile edition to Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm upon motion by Samson. Support by Vosburg. Motion passed unanimously.

*Prepared 9/20/16 by Joan Orman, secretary*