

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on October 18, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER: Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. Citizen present: Vince Carahaly.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Balkema moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WATERFRONT LOT BUILDINGS: Kramer passed out tentative text of a proposed amendment of Charleston Township's zoning ordinance pertaining to waterfront set back requirements and accessory building/structure location and setback requirements.

The Planning Commission went through the proposed text item-by-item for discussion. Adjustments to the proposed text were made as discussion ensued. Kramer suggested holding over any final decisions until Attorney Rolfe can consider and advise regarding the Planning Commission's proposed changes. All agreed.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON REZONING ISSUES: Planning Commissioners will meet at the Township Hall on Thursday, November 3, 9 am for a township tour to consider updates to the Township's Land Use Plan.

CITIZENS' TIME: Vince Carahaly, vice chair of Southcentral Michigan Planning Council and a planning commissioner for Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission, was present to discuss Kalamazoo County Planning Commission's work on a Master Plan for Kalamazoo County. He is visiting townships to see what their planning goals and objectives look like as Kalamazoo County works on its Master Plan. (kalcounymasterplan.org) Mr. Carahaly will send the Planning Commission a PDF of other township's goals and objectives as examples.

MEMBERS' TIME: No comments.

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

Prepared 10/18/16 by Joan Orman, secretary