

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on February 21, 2017.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vosburg/Moravek moved to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting with the following corrections: The motions concerning Private Non-Commercial Clubs and Farm Markets and Agricultural Uses should have been to submit the proposed text for Public Hearing; not to submit to the Township Board for approval. CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: Township Ordinance Text Changes

- A. Kramer declared the Public Hearing open at 7:06 pm to take comments on the proposed text for Private Non-Commercial Clubs. There being no comments and nothing received via email, letter or phone call Kramer declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:08 pm. The proposed changes were reviewed. **Moravek/Vosburg moved to approve the tentative text for Private Non-Commercial Clubs as presented at the Planning Commission meeting of January 17, 2017 and send it to the Township Board for adoption. CARRIED.**
- B. Kramer declared the Public Hearing on the proposed text changes for Farm Markets and Agricultural Uses open at 7:14 pm. There being no comments and nothing received via email, letter or phone call Kramer declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:16 pm. The proposed changes were reviewed. **A motion was made by Vosburg, seconded by Moravek, to approve the tentative text for Farm markets and Agricultural Uses as presented at the Planning Commission meeting of January 17, 2017 and send it to the Township Board for adoption. CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers for the April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 business year:
The meeting was opened for nominations for Planning Commission Chair. Moravek/Vosburg nominated Kramer. Nominations were closed. Moravek proposed a resolution to elect Kramer as chair. Vosburg-yes, Kohnke-yes, Balkema-yes, Kramer-yes, Moravek-yes. CARRIED.

The meeting was opened for nominations for Planning Commission Vice-Chair. Vosburg/Kramer nominated Balkema. Nominations were closed. Vosburg proposed a resolution to elect Balkema as vice-chair. Vosburg-yes, Kohnke-yes, Balkema-yes, Kramer-yes, Moravek-yes. CARRIED.

The meeting was opened for nominations for Planning Commission Secretary. Kramer/Balkema nominated Orman. Nominations were closed. Kramer proposed a resolution to elect Orman as secretary. Vosburg-yes, Kohnke-yes, Balkema-yes, Kramer-yes, Moravek-yes. CARRIED.

B. 2017-2018 meeting schedule:

Kramer proposed a resolution to accept the 2017-2018 meeting schedule as presented. Roll call: Vosburg-yes, Kohnke-yes, Balkema-yes, Kramer-yes, Moravek-yes. CARRIED

CITIZEN'S TIME: Jerry VanderRoest pointed out inconsistencies in permitted uses for certain zoning classifications.

MEMBER'S TIME: Kramer asked how the commission would like to approach the update of the Land Use Plan. It was decided to begin by looking at zoning classifications along M-96. VanderRoest will have pertinent section maps and land use plans from adjoining entities available for review at the March planning commission meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Vosburg/Balkema moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. CARRIED

Prepared 2/22/17 by Sue Balkema