

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on October 17, 2017.

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. Also present: (arriving at 7:30 pm) Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

DISPOSITION OF AUGUST 15, 2017 MEETING MINUTES: Balkema moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONVERSATION WITH TIM BORN CONCERNING THE KEEPING OF HORSES IN AN R-3 DISTRICT: Although Mr. Born was a no show at the meeting, discussion ensued regarding the present zoning along Fort Custer Dr. and potential solutions to a request such as Mr. Born's.

CLARIFICATION OF TERMS – IS A POND A WATERCOURSE SUBJECT TO 75 FOOT SETBACK? JVR: Definitions of the terms "watercourse" and "pond" were discussed. A watercourse is defined as moving water. A pond is defined as still water. Discussion ensued. Further discussion on the topic is tabled for now.

WORK ON LAND USE PLAN UPDATE: VanderRoest showed some maps of various sections of the township to aid in the Land Use Plan Update discussion. Balkema took notes on the discussion that will be added to the current document featuring notes regarding sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizens present.

MEMBERS' TIME: No member comments aside from talk of the weekend's copious amount of rain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm upon motion by Orman. Support by Vosburg. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 10/17/17 by Joan Orman, secretary