

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on March 20, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER: Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Dan Balkema, Jeff Kidney and Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

DISPOSITION OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018 MEETING MINUTES: Orman noted that the date at the bottom of the minutes read 2/20/18. It appears this was a computer glitch. The intended date was 2/20/18. Orman moved to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Balkema seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Kramer moved to keep Balkema as Vice Chair and nominated Moravek as Secretary. Orman seconded. Balkema moved to keep Kramer as Chair. Samson seconded. Roll call vote: Vosburg Y; Kohnke Y; Balkema Y; Kramer Y; Orman Y; Moravek Y; Samson Y. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES: Balkema moved to approve the 2018/2019 Planning Commission meeting dates. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF LAND USE PLAN UPDATE: A current list of tentative changes to the Land Use Plan map was distributed for the group to review. Dan Balkema was in attendance to give the commissioners an idea of the future plans for the Agg Resources, Midway and BEX gravel pits. Maps were provided and discussion of plans ensued. Balkema will see about getting a black and white map from Prein & Newhof so that the commissioners can shade it in to reflect suggested land use plan updates. Ahead of the next meeting, Kramer will distribute to the members the updated list of tentative changes to the Land Use Plan map so that they can study it to ensure that all are in agreement with the suggested changes.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizen comments.

MEMBERS' TIME: Kohnke asked about doing a walk around of the Agg Resources gravel pit since he missed the tour that the group did in 2016. Dan Balkema offered to show him around. VanderRoest talked about the desired route for the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail section that will run between Galesburg and Augusta.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm upon motion by Kohnke. Support by Samson. Motion passed unanimously.

*Prepared 3/20/18 by Joan Orman, secretary*