

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) was held at the Township Hall on June 19, 2018.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll was called and members present were: Tim Vosburg, Walt Kohnke, Sue Balkema, Don Kramer, Joan Orman, Art Samson and Brian Moravek. Also present were Jeff Kidney, Eric Reed and Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

DISPOSITION OF MAY 15, 2018 MEETING MINUTES: Samson moved to approve the minutes. Konke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ERIC REED EXPLORATORY PROPOSAL: Mr Reed wanted to obtain feedback from the PC about his tentative plans to develop a wedding and reception venue in the barn at his property on Fort Custer. The property in question is currently zoned R-3. Since this type of commercial type venue is not currently allowed in R-3, it was recommended that Reed contact an attorney to discuss his options.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON LAND USE PLAN: The PC continued discussion on the Land Use Plan. Discussions primarily focused on:

BARN THEATER AREA: The PC reviewed the letter from attorney Rolfe dated May 30, 2018, which outlines the current zoning requirements and recommendations that the Barn Theater may want to pursue in obtaining zoning changes and approvals that are prerequisite for the planned physical improvements. The PC also discussed several zoning alternatives for the Barn Theater in the Land Use Plan.

INDUSTRIAL PARK AREA: VanderRoest provided an update on a meeting with Georgia Pacific regarding the landfill. The PC also discussed Land Use Plan zoning designation alternatives for Target, Eaton, Georgia Pacific and Midco properties and the benefits of Light Industrial versus Research and Industrial Park zoning.

I/94/EXIT 92 AREA: VanderRoest and Kramer met with Battle Creek City representatives regarding zoning of property owned by the City of Battle Creek adjacent and in Charleston Township. The Battle Creek representatives indicated that they would provide maps of water and sewer lines.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizen comments.

MEMBERS' TIME: No member comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. upon motion by Kramer. Samson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 06/20/2018 by Brian Moravek, secretary