

**CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
(July 16, 2019)**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on July 16, 2019.

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll was called and members present were: Tim Vosburg, Walt Kohnke, Sue Balkema, Don Kramer, Joan Orman and Brian Moravek. Member absent: Art Samson. Also present were Larry and Karen Wager, Jeff Kidney and Township Supervisor Jerry Vander Roest.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Kramer recommended an addition to the agenda to include a discussion on impact of 2019 Right to Farm Act. Orman recommended approval of the agenda as amended. Kohnke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF MAY 21, 2019 MEETING MINUTES: An error was noted in the May 2019 minutes. The minutes reflected that they were prepared in 2018 not 2019. Balkema moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Orman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: SCHMITT REZONING REQUEST-AG-2 TO L-1.

At 7:05 Kramer opened the Public Hearing for comments on the application of Richard Schmitt/Midco LLC to rezone parcel 3908-28-101-010 from AG-2 General Agriculture zoning district to the L-1 Light Industrial zoning district.

No written comments to the Public Hearing Notice were received by the Planning Commission or by the Township office. Karen Wager asked for clarification of the boundary lines. Clarification was provided and no other public comments were offered. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:14.

PC members had no further question or comments on the application.

Balkema moved to recommend to the Township Board that the zoning classification of parcel 3908-28-101-010 be changed to Light Industrial District. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IMPLICATIONS OF 2019 RIGHT TO FARM ACT. In an email dated June 27, 2019, the Township legal counsel offered to provide a legal assessment on the impact of the 2019 Right to Farm Act on the Township. The PC decided that this was currently not a high priority issue for the Township and would not at this time pursue.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF LAND USE PLAN UPDATE:

The Planning Commission members agreed that outside assistance in finalizing the LUP would be very beneficial and that the individual (Jodi Stefforia) that attended the May 2019 Planning Commission meeting and offered her assistance appeared to be very capable. Vander Roest indicated that he would query other Township Supervisors at their monthly meeting on other potential sources for this assistance.

CITIZENS' TIME: No citizen comments.

MEMBERS' TIME: No member comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm upon motion by Orman. Seconded by .
Kohnke.. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 7/16/2019 by Brian Moravek, secretary