

**CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
(February 18, 2020)**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall on February 18, 2020.

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, and Brian Moravek. Members absent: Joan Orman, Art Samson. Also present were Larry Hunt, Mary and Todd Jones and Township Supervisor Jerry VanderRoest.

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

DISPOSITION OF JANUARY 2020 MEETING MINUTES: The Township attorney advised that the minutes from the February 2020 meeting required revision to acknowledge that a Public Hearing must first be held on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to reflect changes in GAAMPs requirements before forwarding the proposed changes to the Township Board for final action. Balkema moved to approve the revised minutes. Kramer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GAAMPS TEXT AMENDMENT:

At 7:07 Kramer opened the Public Hearing to address proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance to incorporate changes necessitated by the May 2019 revisions made to the “Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Site Selection and odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities” by the Michigan Commission of agriculture and Rural Development.

No comments to the Public Hearing Notice were received by the Planning Commission or by the Township office. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12.

PC members had no further question or comments on the proposed text changes.

Kohnke moved to forward the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the Township Board for final action. Vosburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION WITH TODD JONES. Todd Jones explained that he was looking for feedback from the Planning Commission on his plan to relocate his cabinetry sales and manufacturing business, “Precision Routing” to 11447 E. Michigan Ave. The PC indicated that it appeared that Mr. Jones’ business would fit within the current zoning “Commercial District” and that he should engage AGS on building requirements and permits.

REVIEW OF JODIE STEFFORIA AGREEMENT. The PC reviewed/discussed a Planning Consultant services proposal received from Jodie Stefforia for assistance in revising the Township Master Plan. The PC discussed the merits of the proposal and the consensus was that it should be forwarded to the Township Board for approval.

CITIZENS’ TIME: No citizen comments.

MEMBERS’ TIME: No member comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm upon motion by Vosburg. Seconded by Balkema. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared 2/19/2020 by Brian Moravek, secretary