

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JOINT MEETING
February 15, 2011**

A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee James Grace

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bob Anderson, Chair
Carl Benson
Kitty Gelling
Fred Gould
Dick Skalski

ZBA:

Roger Taylor, Chair
Neil Sikora
Jim Sterenberg

Also present were Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Associate Planner Chris West, Attorney James Porter and 2 interested people.

MASTER LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

Greg Milliken, of McKenna & Associates, consultant for the Master Land Use Plan update, reviewed the final draft of the Master Land Use Plan. Planning Director Stefforia noted the previous chapters presented were primarily background chapters updated in house, the most recent work with McKenna & Associates are the Goals and Objectives, Future Land Use, and Implementation Chapters in addition to two sub-area plan, therefore, the draft plan is ready to be distributed for the official public comment period.

It was noted that under State statute, the draft plan must be distributed to neighboring jurisdictions, utility companies, school districts and county Planning Departments for a comment period of 63 days. Ms. Stefforia advised the Planning Commission would then hold a public hearing; at the completion of the Planning Commission consideration, the document would then be referred to the Township Board for adoption.

RESOLUTION TO DISTRIBUTE MASTER LAND USE PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A resolution to distribute the Master Land Use Plan for public comment was before the Board.

Sheri Mohmand, 6147 Old Log Trail commented she is opposed to the resolution to distribute the plan for public comment, the process should be slowed down, citizens are not happy with the West Main sub area plan and 9th Street should have been included in the West Main sub area plan.

Kadir Mohmand, 6147 Old Log Trail commented he is being discriminated against and urged the Board to follow the constitution which was created to protect the minority from the majority.

Motion by James Grace, second by Borgfjord to adopt a resolution authorizing the Master Land Use Plan be distributed for a public comment period of 63 days as required. Roll call showed Everett-yes, James Grace-yes, Culp-yes, Borgfjord-yes, Heiny-Cogswell-yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheri Mohmand, 6147 commented she opposes the Master Land Use Plan, the 9th Street sub area should be part of the West Main sub area, there has been commercial development along 9th Street just as West Main, some undeveloped parcels on West Main are owned by Mike Seelye who stated his intention in 2006 was to develop commercial, three of the four property owners in the 9th Street sub area are Muslim owned, the Township is spending taxpayer dollars on outside consultants, and her property is less marketable.

Kadir Mohmand, 6147 Old Log Trail commented there is a conflict of interest by some Board members, the Board should be fair and not discriminate.

Trustee James Grace thanked the Planning Commission for their work and commented they should not take his comments or those from the residents of Country Club Village personal; they are just looking out for their area.

OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion was held concerning the need for an ordinance to address the state law passed by the voters in 2008 regarding medical marijuana. Consensus was the Township Board would consider instituting a moratorium at their February 22nd meeting and request the Planning Commission begin work on an ordinance.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor