

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

JOINT MEETING

May 16, 2006

The quarterly meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor John VanDyke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD:	PLANNING COMMISSION:	ZBA:
Supervisor John VanDyke	Terry Schley, Chairman	Millard Loy, Chairman
Clerk Deb Everett	Mike Smith	Duane McClung
Treasurer Nancy Culp	Lee Larson	
Trustee Grace Borgfjord	Fred Gould	
Trustee Dave Bushouse	James Grace	
Trustee Neil Sikora		

Also present were Planning Director Jodi Stefforia, Planner Mary Lynn Bugge, and Township Attorney James Porter.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Kalamazoo County Road Commissioners Dennis Berkebile, Jeff Maddox, and Reed Youngs along with Managing Director Ron Reid presented the commission's New Procedures, Guidelines and Specifications for Developing New Public Roads.

Mr. Berkebile noted the main consideration for their policies is safety; also of concern is durability. He also noted changes in the policy include approval of cul-de-sacs if the Township approves them, boulevards with agreement from the Township for maintenance, flexibility regarding street width, curb materials, and degree/design of curved streets.

MASTER LAND USE PLAN

There was lengthy discussion regarding the Master Land Use Plan including the need to understand it is a guide, not law, does the vision it presents reflect the community desires, and is a complete review needed. There was also considerable discussion if the Zoning Ordinance should be reviewed to insure it reflects the vision of the MLUP, how does and should utilities affect density and where should discussion/review begin. Consensus was direction should come from the Township Board.

Motion by Bushouse, second by Sikora to hold a Township Board work session on June 15th at 5:00 p.m. for discussion of the issues and determine what study or review should be undertaken.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: JOHN VANDYKE
Supervisor

