

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2006

AGENDA

WORK ITEM: VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS - DRAFT #2

A regular meeting was conducted by the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission on Thursday, August 10, 2006, commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Charter Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Schley, Chairman
Lee Larson
Deborah L. Everett
Mike Smith
Kathleen Garland-Rike
Fred Gould
James Grace

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director; Mary Lynn Bugge, Township Planner; James W. Porter, Township Attorney; and approximately two other interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Terry Schley called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Ms. Stefforia asked that the Commission consider a request for rezoning and setting a public hearing under "Other Business." Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Grace. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The Chairman asked if there was a motion with regard to the minutes of July 27, 2006. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Everett. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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The Chairman noted that the next item on the Agenda was review of the revised text amendments. He then asked to hear from Ms. Stefforia. Ms. Stefforia then took the Commission through a review of the proposed text amendments. During the discussion, Attorney Porter provided the Commission with an overview of the Right to Farm Act and advised the Commission to make various revisions to the Ordinance with regard to farming which would primarily impact the Residential zoning districts in the Township.

After a thorough and extensive discussion of the various text amendments, the Chairman asked what the next step would be. Ms. Stefforia suggested setting a public hearing for September 14, 2006. Mr. Larson made a motion to set a public hearing for the various text amendments for September 14, 2006. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garland-Rike. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

The Chairman said the next item was consideration of other business. He noted that the Planning Department had requested the setting of a public hearing for rezoning. Ms. Stefforia indicated that Clyde Crawford of Seventeen Sixteen Properties had requested a rezoning of vacant land on KL Avenue from the "I-1" Industrial District, Manufacturing/Servicing District to the "RR" Rural Residential District. She said the parcel was approximately 26 acres in size. Ms. Stefforia suggested a hearing date of September 28, 2006. Mr. Larson made a motion to set a public hearing for the rezoning of the subject property on KL Avenue from "I-1" Industrial District, Manufacturing/Servicing District to the "RR" Rural Residential District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commissioner Comments

The Chairman began by congratulating James Grace on his victory in the primary.

Mr. Gould asked if the Chairman had received a response to the letter which he had submitted to the Township Board. The Chairman said he had not received any response yet, but hoped that he would receive a response shortly.

Mr. Larson inquired about the work on the Village Commercial form-base zoning.

Ms. Everett informed the Planning Commission of the Planning Department's request to add a planner to the Planning Department and that the matter would be considered by the Township Board at its upcoming meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further comment, the Commission adjourned its meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

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By:

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