

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

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**Agenda**

**MASTER PLAN – REVIEW FIRST DRAFT OF THE CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER**

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A meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 10, 2009, commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Charter Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Schley, Chairman  
Bob Anderson  
Kitty Gelling  
Carl Benson  
Deborah Everett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Gould  
Richard Skalski

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director; Mary Lynn Bugge, Senior Planner; Chris West, Associate Planner and one interested person.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited by the Commissioners.

**Agenda**

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Hearing none, Ms. Gelling made a motion to accept the Agenda as submitted. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

The Chairman said the next item was the review and approval of the August 27, 2009 minutes. It was suggested that the conditions of approval for KL Avenue Attractions

be numbered rather than indicated by bullet points. Ms. Gelling made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **MASTER LAND USE PLAN – REVIEW FIRST DRAFT OF THE CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER**

The Chairman said the next item on the Agenda was review of the first draft of the Character and Environment chapter of the Master Plan. The Chairman asked Mr. West to present the information. Mr. West reviewed the memorandum dated September 3, 2009, with the members of the Planning Commission and the same is incorporated herein by reference.

Discussion ensued regarding the information presented. Suggestions were made to clarify educational opportunities available to Township residents, refine the explanation of existing and proposed character of the area, and change the Sustainable Development section to emphasize LEED characteristics rather than certification and add reference to other alternate energy sources along with wind and solar power. It was suggested that soil information be consolidated and include brief general descriptions of soil types. A few other suggestions were offered. The Planning Commission responded positively to the text boxes and graphics incorporated in the draft. A revised draft will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Planning Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Everett indicated she had talked with Mr. Gould and that he was having medical problems; the Commission expressed their wishes for his full recovery. Mr. Benson indicated he had attended the 50th Anniversary of the Kalamazoo Mall and the regional trails meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The Chairman asked if there were any further comments, and hearing none, he called for adjournment. Ms. Gelling moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Minutes Prepared:  
September 14, 2009

Minutes Approved:  
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