

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD OCTOBER 8, 2009

Agenda

**MASTER PLAN – REVIEW FIRST DRAFT OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAPTER**

A meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Charter Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Schley, Chairman
Kitty Gelling
Carl Benson
Fred Gould
Richard Skalski
Deborah Everett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Anderson

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director; Chris West, Associate Planner and four interested persons.

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. Skalski seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Walters introduced himself and his son, Reagan, to the Commission indicating that they were observing the meeting for a class project.

Minutes

The Chairman said the next item was the review and approval of the September 10, 2009 minutes. There were no comments. Ms. Gelling made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Gould 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 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAPTER

The Chairman said the next item on the Agenda was review of the first draft of the Transportation and Community Services chapter of the Master Plan. The Chairman asked Mr. West to present the information. Mr. West reviewed the memorandum dated September 30, 2009, with the members of the Planning Commission and the same is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. West noted that while the existing master plan was used as a template in outlining this chapter, this draft did not contain the level of detail provided in the existing plan such as an inventory of equipment in the fire department or number of volumes at the library, etc. He did note that this document contained significantly more discussion on non-motorized transportation than the existing plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the information presented; a few suggestions for clarification and also improved readability were made. The Planning Commission responded positively to the format and content of the draft noting the considerable staff effort behind the document. A revised draft will be presented at a future meeting.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Planning Commissioner Comments

Ms. Gelling thanked the Township for sending her to a recent seminar on planning and zoning issues. Mr. Gould said he is excited about what is being planned in the Township and he looks forward to seeing things happen particularly in the village area. Mr. Benson stated he attended the ECCU open house and was pleased that the developer honored his representations about tree preservation within the site. Chairman Schley indicated he also attended the ECCU open house and it is nice to see a project after completion that the Commission worked on; he also let the Commission know that soon there will be banners on the poles in the village area and the DDA hopes it will help with branding the area.

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. Skalski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Minutes Prepared:
October 12, 2009

Minutes Approved:
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