

**OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2022 AT
OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP HALL, 7275 WEST MAIN STREET**

Agenda

OTHER UPDATES AND BUSINESS

a. Joint Board Meeting Update/Discussion

A meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals was held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, beginning at approximately 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Williams, Vice Chair
Dusty Farmer
Fred Gould
Micki Maxwell

ABSENT: Anita Smith, Chair

Also present were Iris Lubbert, Planning Director, and Martha Coash, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order and invited those present to join in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Approval of Agenda

The Vice Chair verified there were no agenda changes and asked for a motion.

Ms. Farmer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Williams moved to the next agenda item.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

As there were no members of the public present, the Vice Chair moved to the next agenda item and asked for a motion.

Approval of the Minutes of March 22, 2022

Ms. Maxwell made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2022, as presented. Ms. Farmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Williams moved to the next agenda item.

Other Updates and Business

a. Joint Board Meeting Update/Discussion

Ms. Lubbert reported the main subject discussed at the recent joint board meeting was the housing study W. E. Upjohn is conducting for Kalamazoo County to determine county-wide preferences. She encouraged members to take the survey and to encourage as many others as possible to do the same. Results will translate into decisions and the county study will inform the Township's housing study and future. The five-minute survey is available online through the end of April. She will resend the link to board members.

She asked if joint meetings are valuable to continue and if so, for suggestions that would make them more accessible and interesting.

Ms. Maxwell felt the meetings provide a forward look at the big picture for the Township and its projects, but felt it might better be held earlier in the year and suggested February. The group was in consensus that April is probably not a good month, especially given busy schedules then for public works and parks departments.

Ms. Farmer suggested a Master Plan presentation/discussion sometime in the future, especially since the future of township housing will be tied to the Master Plan.

Ms. Maxwell agreed, saying familiarity with the Master Plan helps to acclimate board members to the job. She added she would like to see a possible climate change resolution be included in planning.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Williams noted the Zoning Board of Appeals had exhausted its agenda. There being no other business, he adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared:
April 27, 2022

Minutes approved:
July 26, 2022