

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 9, 2008

AGENDA

WORK ITEM: MASTER LAND USE PLAN

A regular meeting was conducted by the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission on Thursday, October 9, 2008, commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Township Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Schley, Chairman
Bob Anderson
Carl Benson
Deborah Everett
Kitty Gelling
Fred Gould
Lee Larson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director and Mary Lynn Bugge, Senior Planner.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

AGENDA

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the Agenda, Ms. Bugge suggested a discussion of proposed text amendments be added under Any Other Business. Ms. Gelling made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman called for public comment. Seeing no-one in the audience, he asked the Commission to move on.

MINUTES

Next, he asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of September 25, 2008. A brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Gould comments regarding outdoor storage needs at the Steensma site. It was agreed that the minutes could be modified on page four to more clearly reflect his comments. 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.

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The Planning Commission began its review of the draft Community Profile chapter of the Master Land Use Plan. Planning Commission members offered their thoughts about issues to be included in the Economic Analysis section of the chapter. Upon concluding the review, the Planning Commission discussed the proposed outline of the Character and Environment Chapter that was previously titled Natural Resources.

Ms. Stefforia reminded the Planning Commission that the public Visioning Workshop is scheduled for October 23 and she requested that they arrive by 6:00 p.m. to have a briefing about the evening and their role.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Bugge presented suggested text amendments to the Form Based Code Overlay Zone regarding drive-through service windows to allow facilities on sites outside the Village Core to have more than one drive-through service window or facility. Other changes to this section are suggested for clarification purposes. Regarding accessory buildings in the Overlay Zone, changes are proposed to reorganize the section also for clarification purposes. Finally, Ms. Bugge suggested that a text amendment be made to the sign provisions to prohibit banners from being attached to landscaping as it damages trees. The Chairman made a motion to set the public hearing on the proposed text amendments for November 13, 2008. The motion was supported by Ms. Gelling. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no Planning Commissioner comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared:
October 10, 2008
Minutes approved:
November 13, 2008