

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES YORK TOWNSHIP HALL
November 24, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Alexander, Keith Fineberg, John Hargrove, Jane Kartje, Aimee Kay, Sandy Shearer, Paolo Visioni.

Absent: No one

Others Present: Rodney Nanney & Donald Pennington of Land Use Planning & Consulting, Mike Peterson of Nowak & Fraus

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include the rezoning application of a parcel contiguous with Richardson Park.

Motion by Shearer, seconded by Visioni to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes amended to delete words "Citizens" & "Advisory" from name of Environmental Committee. Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Shearer to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting as amended.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

CALL TO PUBLIC

No one spoke

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted and filed. Motion by Kartje, seconded by Fineberg to accept the correspondence as presented.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

REPORTS

Report of Chairperson: Alexander reported her attendance at the Tree Campus USA ceremony on the north campus at the University of Michigan. The program was sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation with support from Toyota Motors. One hundred trees were planted and Alexander commented that the University Forestry program has done an impressive job of cataloging the trees on campus.

Report of Township Board Representative: The Board met on November 12. There was a first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 75, Truck Route Ordinance, and acknowledgement that the Township must open the improved portions of Willis and Platt Roads to truck route traffic. The Parks Master Plan was reviewed and a matching grant of up to \$1,000.00 in-kind money to match the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program Grant that was received on October 21, 2008 was approved. The Board approved a motion to change the Zoning designation for the 10-acre parcel added to Richardson Park to C-P (Conservation-Preservation); part of 19-11-200-009; to initiate the rezoning process and forward to the Planning Commission.

Report of Zoning Board of Appeal: None

Report of Planning Consultant: None

Report of Engineering Consultant: None

Report of Parks Committee Representative: None

Report of Environmental Committee: Kay reported that the Committee was preparing a member recruitment plan and has requested a website link and separate e-mail address as part of the plan implementation.

Report of Zoning Official: Not present

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Visioni, seconded by Hargrove to open the public hearing at 7:40.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

Public comment sought on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Mr. Darryl Glendenning of the Milan Company noted that he received notice of the Public Hearing two weeks ago but had not yet received his attorney's comments which he planned to submit.

No further public comments were offered.

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Visioni to close the public hearing & reopen the regular session at 7:45.
Motion carried: 7-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Preparation for Joint meeting with York Township Board

The Planning Commissioners reviewed and discussed the budget and expressed general acceptance of it. Discussion followed regarding setting up an agenda for the joint meeting consistent with the Board's agenda, the opportunity to increase communication between the Commission and the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding new state requirements arising from the new planning act with respect to the Planning Commission's role in the development and implementation of a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the Township. Nanney prepared and presented a report summarizing how capital improvements programs work and the process for developing a new CIP for the Township.

Kay asked for clarification regarding existing CIP's for the Township. Petersen responded that they existed but not formalized. Shearer asked whether the new law required written CIP's. Nanney responded in the affirmative but that the law did not specify a particular format.

Nanney & Pennington also presented a list of Zoning Ordinance amendments for future consideration by the Planning Commission. Kartje suggested that this list be shared with the Board of Trustees for their feedback.

Rezoning Application of part of 9495 North Platt Road, 10 acres (Parcel ID# 19-11-200-009)

This 10 acre parcel, contiguous to Sandra Richardson Park was acquired after the park land and was never zoned with the same zoning as the park. An application was received to change the current zoning of A-2 to C-P

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Hargrove to accept the application for rezoning of Parcel ID# 19-11-200-009 from A-2 to C-P, turn it over to the Township consultants for their report and schedule a Public Hearing for Jan. 26, 2009.

Roll Call Vote:

Shearer-yes, Hargrove-yes, Visioni-yes, Alexander-yes, Fineberg-yes, Kay- yes Kartje-yes.

Motion carried: 7-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Fineberg alerted Commissioners of the status of the state energy code which became effective October 24, 2008

FINAL CALL TO PUBLIC

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING

December 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fineberg, seconded by Shearer:

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-2

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Keith Fineberg
Planning Commission Secretary

Prepared by Keith Fineberg, November 25, 2008
Date approved: December 8, 2008