

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES YORK TOWNSHIP HALL**

September 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Joan Alexander, Keith Fineberg, Aimee Kay, Jane Kartje, Paolo Visioni.

Absent: John Hargrove, Sandy Shearer.

Others Present: Rodney Nanney & Don Pennington of Land Use Planning and Consulting

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried: 5-0-2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Kay to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting as presented.

Motion carried: 5-0-2

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: 5-0-2

REPORTS

Report of Chairperson: None

Report of Township Board Representative

Kartje reported:

The Michigan Township Association meeting touched on strategies to revitalize economic growth by making the local areas more appealing places to live. It also announced a policy supporting DEQ approval for private waste facilities only if in conformance with local ordinances.

The Township Board approved for Richardson Park funds to: re-gravel trails & construct a split rail fence along the park frontage. The Board also agreed to refund the Bond to Aaron's Lawn Care in light of completed property improvements. The Board considered and rejected a request from the County Road Commission to remove the "No Through Trucks" limit on Willis Road.

Report of Zoning Board of Appeal: None

Report of Planning Consultant: None

Report of Engineering Consultant: Not present

Report of Parks Committee Representative: None

Report of Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee: None

Report of Zoning Official: Not present

PUBLIC HEARING None

NEW BUSINESS None

OLD BUSINESS

(Agenda items were taken out of order due to the fact that the Washtenaw County 800 MHz Radio Consortium Applicant, first on the agenda, was not present and the Planning Commission Chair wished to give them time to arrive.)

Planning Commission By-Laws

Commissioners discussed changes of the draft Planning Commission By-Laws as presented by the Planning Consultant including authority over Capital Improvement Programs and review of public works projects.

Fineberg called the provision prohibiting holding multiple offices into question and Nanney suggested consulting the Township attorney to seek clarification.

Further discussion ensued on number of meetings. Commissioners also discussed whether to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees and whether to help draft a Planning Commission Ordinance for review by the Township attorney.

Based on a discussion of the bylaws, the Commission formed the intent to adopt the bylaws at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Washtenaw County 800 MHz Radio Consortium Application

(The applicant still had not arrived, but the Planning Commission proceeded as follows.)

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Visioni that the application received September 8, 2008 and submitted by Pyramid Network services LLC, regarding the Washtenaw County 800 MHz Radio Consortium tower be accepted and turned over to consultants.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried: 5-0-2

Consultants agreed that a report could be prepared by the next meeting of October 13 and the matter could be placed on the agenda.

Zoning Ordinance Review & Discussion

Planning Consultant Nanney presented a clean set of the changes to the proposed ordinance. He reviewed some new items that had been included which comprised the regulation of vehicle shelters, driveway setbacks in rural residential districts and graphic supplements to definition and other sections.

Fineberg expressed concern over the vagueness of structural requirements in the proposed ordinance dealing with vehicle shelters.

Nanney reviewed the various changes the Commission had requested that had been incorporated in the material presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Fineberg announced the Remodel Green Expo to be held at Eastern Michigan University's new Student Center on October 31 and November 1.

FINAL CALL TO PUBLIC None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING October 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fineberg, seconded by Kay:

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0-2

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Keith Fineberg
Planning Commission Secretary

Prepared by Keith Fineberg, September 23, 2008
Date approved: October 13, 2008