

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
YORK TOWNSHIP HALL  
December 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of York was held at 11560 Stony Creek Road on Monday, December 10, 2007. Vice Chairperson Visioni called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandy Shearer, John Hargrove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Pennington and Rodney Nanney of Land Use Planning and Consulting, List on file.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Kartje to adopt the agenda

Motion carried: 5-0-2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kartje seconded by Alexander to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2007 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried: 5-0-2

CALL TO PUBLIC

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Fineberg to accept the correspondence and place it on file.

Motion carried: 5-0-2

REPORTS

Report of Chairperson

None

Report of Township Board Representative

The Board has not met since the last Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Kartje stated that three Planning Commission members attended the Local Government Annual Planning Workshop hosted by the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment on November 29, 2007.

Report of Zoning Board of Appeals

None.

Report of Planning Consultant

Given under old business.

Report of Engineering Consultant

Not present

Report of Parks Committee Representative

Commissioner Paolo Visoni reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee wants the Planning Commission to review the zoning that we currently have to protect the parks. He stated that the Commission may need to amend the zoning ordinance to protect the parks from adjacent land uses. He also requested that this information be brought back as soon as possible.

In addition he stated that Mr. Frank Stukenborg, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee is being honored with an award from the State of Michigan for his work.

Report of Zoning Official

Not present

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. ZONING AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Mr. Nanney said that the Land Use Matrix is not ready yet. He indicated that it may be ready for the next meeting on January 14, 2008.

Mr. Nanney provided a sample ordinance regarding Wind Energy Conversion Systems. He mentioned that this sample ordinance has also been provided to neighboring communities such as Lodi, Saline and Superior Townships.

Mr. Nanney stated that these systems are used as an alternative energy source. They are being evaluated by Washtenaw County and at the very least may be useful for the agricultural sector. The sample ordinance provides language to address this particular use of land.

Commissioners discussed the following items related to Wind Energy Conversion Systems: private vs. public systems, commercial wind farms, local business opportunities, problems associated with these systems.

Commissioner Kartje asked the Planning Consultant to provide the definitions for the Land Use Table, updated Land Use Table and Use Standards.

Rodney Nanney confirmed that this information will be provided at the next meeting.

Commissioners also discussed development standards related to protecting parks, greenbelts and buffers and the need to amend the zoning ordinance in a more timely fashion.

Motion by Fineberg, seconded by Visioni

**That the Planning Commission hold a one hour workshop at the next regular Planning Commission meeting to be held on January 14, 2008 beginning at 6.30 p.m. continuing to 7.30 p.m. to review material presented by the Planning Consultant regarding potential zoning ordinance amendments.**

Roll call vote:

Alexander – Yes

Fineberg – Yes

Hargrove – Absent

Kay – Yes

Kartje – Yes

Shearer – Absent

Visioni – Yes

Motion carried: 5-0-2

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Fineberg stated that the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee be added to future Planning Commission agendas under the Reports section of agenda.

FINAL CALL TO PUBLIC

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Fineberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-0-2

Aimee Kay  
Planning Commission Secretary

Transcribed by Aimee Kay, December 18, 2007

Date approved: January 14, 2008

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