

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 16, 2011
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:30 pm at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan. Chairman Michael Fielek called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Fielek, Vice Chair LaMore, Secretary Gerald Eidt, Commissioners Dali Giese, Rod Imhoff, Ron Cook, Joscelyn Brown-Timm and Board Representative Martin Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ger Schultink

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Consultant Chris Doozan of McKenna Associates and Planning Assistant Wanda Bloomquist

MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Imhoff moved to approve the minutes of July 19th, 2011 with the correction of the spelling of “resent” to “recent”. Under Ordinance review change “on page 8-11 remove B(8)b”.

Seconded by Secretary Eidt

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Closed at 7:35 pm

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance Review

Chris Doozan presented Article 18 through Article 22.

Question: 18-2 B.1.E subject to ____ (this will be filled in once auction houses are addressed).

Commissioner Imhoff moved that the motion of recommending the review of Art 8-18 to the Board be rescinded.

Seconded by Secretary Eidt

Motion Carries

Master Plan Review

The Board approved the proposal on the cost and work to be performed.

Explanation of prime and unique. Definition of prime is greatest flexibility when farming. Unique would be for a particular type of commodity. This helps in guiding the preservation of farmland. Adds one more piece of information to the overview of the total area to aid in planning.

Discussion of a survey going out with the December tax bill and finding a way to make it also available on the internet.

Grand River Green Zone PH preparation

Discussion of making the Public Hearing announcements as clear as possible to express the work that has gone into the Green Zone. A cover letter will go out with the notices. Will have the FAQ sheet available at the meeting. Will place a couple of the designs in the back for residents to review if interested. Map on projector as well as board for residents to review. Normal PH procedures. Consider contacting media.

Planning and Board Reports and Review

Township Board

- Changed meeting dates to the second Tuesday of the month exc Nov and Dec for the balance of the Fiscal year.
- Cemetery plan was reviewed by the Board. Discussed natural burial and scattering garden. Moratorium re: medical marihuana was extended.

Planning Staff

- Planning Conference will be Oct 19-21 in Grand Rapids Mi.

Planning Commission Chair- Review

- Next month the PC will look at auction house and on line auction language.
- Master plan review committee will meet to discuss timeline and next steps.
- Grand River Green Zone PH will be next month

ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Cook moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Brown-Timm.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

**Wanda Bloomquist
Recording Secretary**

Gerald A. Eidt, Secretary