

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 16th, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 8:00 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, Secretary Gerald Eidt, Commissioners Rod Imhoff, Ger Schultink, Dali Giese, Joscelyn Brown-Timm, Ron Cook and Board Representative Martin Wright.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Rex LaMore

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Schultink to approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction of the Commissioner Brown-Timm's name

Seconded by Commissioner Cook.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deliberation: Shannon Rezoning

Rezoning request from AG-C to AG-SF.

Gregory Shannon

Parcel #: 33-03-03-08-100-003

ChrisDoozan reviewed new information from Dr. Shannon, petitions received and soil studies.

- Master plan chief determinant
- Addressing Ag preservation
- Reviewed Oct. 6th letter
- Options still allow for lot splits

Applicant concerns:

- Property can not be retiled
- DNRE regulates
- Yields supplied are under optimal conditions
- Benefits of AG-SF
- Economic Viability
- If split is the same why not AG-SF vs AG-C
- Complaints about farming

Questions from Commissioners:

- How do we preserve land if not by zoning

- Purchased for hunting
- Look at programs from state
- Concern for taking out of production

Motion by Commissioner Imhoff to recommend denial of the rezoning request due to need of preservation of agricultural land.

Seconded by Commissioner Schultink

Motion Carries

Will be on the December 7th Township Board Agenda

Medical Marihuana

Due to time constraints, commissioners are asked to review questions brought forward by Chris Doozan and return to Planning Assistant by the end of the month. Discussion and review of questions will take place at the January meeting. Task Force may have recommendations by the January meeting.

Trails and Greenways

Commissioners have received the draft of the Trails and Greenways Amendment to the Master Plan and have been asked to review prior to the January meeting with the anticipation of calling a public hearing for the February meeting.

GRGreenZone Competition

Meeting will be adjourned to host presentations by the winners of the Grand River Green Zone Competition and to award the prizes.

Review

Shannon recommendation to the Board

Medical Marihuana discussion points

Trails and Greenways

Zoning Ordinance review items to be to the Planning Assistant by January 4th for meeting prep.

Motion by Commissioner Schultink to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Cook.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Wanda Bloomquist
Recording Secretary

Gerald A. Eidt, Secretary