

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 20, 2014
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. Chair Giese called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT: Chair Giese, Secretary Eidt, Commissioners Korson, Brown-Timm and Schultink, and Trustee Eyster

ABSENT: Vice Chair LaMore, Commissioner DeShon and Commissioner Davis

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Schultink moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2014.

Seconded by Secretary Eidt

Discussion: none

Motion approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

None- Closed at 7:35 pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

684 E. Grand River Site Plan

Tabled at the request of the applicant, Mr. Brian Ruh to give the applicant an opportunity to meet with planning staff before moving forward with site plan review.

Agricultural Tourism

Consultant, Chris Doozan, reviewed the recommended changes based on the comments received at the meeting on July 16th. The proposed revisions provided for more regulations regarding parking, created criteria for Minor and Major Operations, addressed overnight use, exclusions and the impact these uses may have on neighbors. Minor operations would be permitted by right, major would be by SUP.

Discussion:

Scenario: Farmer allows school to create a maze for a fundraiser. How does this fit within the proposed regulations? Each event/use would be reviewed as they are proposed.

Secretary Eidt moved that the PC hold a public hearing for public input at the Sept. 17th meeting for the proposed regulations for Agri-tourism.

Seconded by Commissioner Brown- Timm.

Discussion: None

Motion approved.

Planning and Board Reports and Review

Township Board

Board approved the language for brewpubs and microbreweries.

The Board approved the SUP and Site Plan for the Used Car Sales at 1099 E. Grand River with conditions.

Passed the municipal code ordinance that allows for civil infractions and fines of \$100.00

Parks and Rec Master Plan was approved with the exception of removal of the existing land use map and the removal of the reference of the ponds.

No further discussion regarding firearms.

Planning Staff

Meridian's update to the Master Plan- Goals and Objectives. Chair Giese and Commissioner Schultink have agreed to review Meridian Township's proposed amendments to the 2005 Master Plan, Goals and Objectives and determine if there is a reason to comment.

Discussion of the ZBA application, meetings scheduled with Mr. Ruh regarding his site plan and need for a parking plan for Renaissance Property Management.

Update on the park and call for volunteers. Bottle walls are being poured this Friday.

Chair Giese has agreed to report on behalf of the Planning Commission at the September 10th Board Meeting.

Consultant, Chris Doozan, distributed an article of interest regarding the national transportation plan and the need for a national broadband service. Commissioners discussed the lack of quality service in many areas and the need for consistent service available to everyone.

Planning Commission Chair

Review

Approved minutes of July 16, 2014

Called for a public hearing to be held September 17th regarding Agri-tourism.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None: closed at 8:16

Secretary Eidt moved to Adjourn at 8:18

Seconded by Commissioner Korson

**Wanda Bloomquist,
Recording Secretary**

Secretary Eidt