

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 20, 2016
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:35 pm at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan. Chair Eidt called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT: Chair Eidt, Secretary Brown-Timm, Commissioners Weston, DeShon and Trustee Eyster.

ABSENT: Vice Chair LaMore, Commissioners Giese, Korson and Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Consultant Chris Doozan of McKenna Associates and Planning Assistant Rhea Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

Trustee Eyster moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2016.

Seconded by Commissioner Brown-Timm.

Discussion: none

Motion approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Haring, 3988 Woodcove, spoke in favor in seeing an ordinance to restrict the use of fireworks.

Jim Boardway, 3976 Woodcove and Joe Zoran, 3964 Woodcove, also spoke to nuisances caused from fireworks and would support an ordinance to restrict use.

Melissa Wood, 4432 Wilfors Dr, addressed the Commission with her concerns regarding repairs and repavements of local roads; specifically her neighborhood.

Chair Eidt reminds public of three minute speak time and closes public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Revisions to Subdivision Ordinance

Chris Doozan reviewed the proposed revisions regarding Subdivisions. Tentative Preliminary Plat Review-Submittal Requirements, Final Preliminary Plat-Required Information and the Health Impact Assessment were recommended as revisions. Chair Eidt open the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the public.

Joe Zoran, 3964 Woodcove, asked for an explanation of HOA (Homeowners Association).

Tim Hollosy, 2337 Parkwood, asked for clarification if new subdivision ordinances would apply to all subdivisions.

In support: none

Against: Melissa Wood, 4432 Wilfors Dr, felt new ordinance would infringe on your personal property rights.

Comments from the PC:

Chair Eidt recommended residents in opposition of the ordinance can submit comments in writing by 5:00 pm Friday July 22, 2016 and they will be reviewed at next Planning Commission meeting in September.

Commissioner DeShon moved to close the public hearing.

Seconded by Commissioner Weston.

Motion Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Regulation

Chris Doozan reviewed the need for sign regulation with greatest concern being with temporary signs. It is no longer permissible to have different regulations for signs that are distinguished by the content of their message

Discussion:

- Interpretation not clear.
- Are there any businesses in nonconformance?
- Prohibit electronic signs.
- SUP, site plan, etc signs included?

Commissioner DeShon moved the Planning Commission hold a Public Hearing on September 21st to consider the revisions to sign ordinance and also banning electronic signs.

Seconded by Commissioner Weston

Discussion: none

Motion approved.

Planning and Board Reports and Review

Township Board

- Trustee Eyster reported on the Board's decision regarding road repairs. It will be a yearlong process.
- Board agreed to continue negotiations with Meridian Township for continued services.

Planning Staff

- Presented an educational opportunity for Commissioners to take advantage of at the October Planning Michigan Conference. Any interested members can contact the office if they would like to be registered to attend.

Planning Commission Chair

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Review

Planning Commission will seek direction from Supervisor regarding an ordinance regarding restricting the use of fireworks.

Planning Commission will review revisions and objections to Subdivision Ordinance at next meeting September 21, 2016.

Public Hearing to be held September 21, 2016 for revisions to Sign Regulations.

Commissioner Weston moved to Adjourn

Seconded by Trustee Eyster.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Rhea Johnson
Recording Secretary

Secretary Joscelyn Brown-Timm