

**MUSKEGON CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
PC-17-07  
August 14, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Bouwman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL**

Present: Singerling, VandenBosch, Bouwman, Hughes, Borushko

Absent:

Excused: Frein, Hower

Also Present: Planning and Zoning Administrator Greg Ransford, Recording Secretary Gloria Vega

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motioned Singerling, supported Borushko to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motioned Singerling, supported Hughes to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017 as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Staff Report**

Chairperson Bouwman wanted Brian Werschem to know that the Commission appreciates the information in the Staff Report.

**Township Board Minutes July 17, 2017**

Commissioner Borushko had questions on Item Number 6 under New Business. He wanted to know what property was donated to the Township. He indicated that if someone 20 years from now looked at the minutes, they would have no idea where the property was located, how big the property was or any other pertinent information. He is requesting the minutes in the future be more specific.

**Information only, no action taken.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Public Hearing 17-05

Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance No. 17-12

Striking of improper language from Special Uses section of the Park and Conservancy Zoning District.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:05PM. The Public Hearing was published in the Muskegon Chronicle on July 30, 2017. There were no responses.

The Township Attorney was consulted and his advice was to remove Item Number 5 in Section 2 of Ordinance 17-12.

**Motion by Singerling, supported by Borushko to close the Public Hearing at 7:08PM.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Singerling, supported by VandenBosch to recommend approval to the Township Board to remove Item Number 5 in Section 2 of Ordinance 17-12.**

**Motion carried.**

Public Hearing 17-06

Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance No. 17-13

Amendment of Accessory Buildings and Temporary Storage Units by adding language and an additional Subsection 6.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:09PM. The Public Hearing was published in the Muskegon Chronicle on July 30, 2017. There were no responses.

**Motion by Borushko, supported by Hughes to close the Public Hearing at 7:13PM.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Hughes, supported by VandenBosch to recommend approval to the Township Board to add the words "side yard" to Section 1 Subsection (a) (1) and to add a new subsection as Subsection (a) (6).**

**Motion carried.**

Discussion and input on size limitations for accessory buildings on large tracts of land in Muskegon Charter Township.

This item is being brought to the Planning Commission because the Zoning Board of Appeals has approved 2 requests in 2016 and 1 request so far in 2017. Mr. Ransford provided the Commissioners with an excerpt of the Ordinance for Tallmadge Township. In reviewing the ordinance it was agreed that the words "with approval of the Planning Commission" and item (b) from the handout should align better with Section 58-26 (3). The Commission requested

that the requested changes be made and brought back to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner James Borushko, 2060 Deerwood Dr., speaking as a resident inquired about the new housing development on the Northside. He is concerned with traffic congestion. He also has concerns about the traffic on River and M120. It seems that instead of the shared driveway approach, there seems to be individual driveways going in to each business.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Commission is on September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room at Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motioned Borushko, supported Singerling to adjourn at 7:27 PM.**

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Gloria Vega*  
*Recording Secretary*