

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

I. ROLL CALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Ann Arbor Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair O'Connell at 7:30 p.m.

Present: John Allison, Lee Gorman, Peter Kotila, Diane O'Connell, Kris Olsson, Richard Mitchell and James Snyder.

Also present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser, Township Planner Zak Branigan, Township Engineer Damien Wetzel, Zoning Official John Hamlin, and Planning Assistant Joanne Collins.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - No citizen signed up for participation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the 1/5/09 minutes: On page 2 under item C add "Determination" at the end of the heading, and on page 3 under item B in the fourth line strike " may have over written some data and" and insert "has provided inconsistent data and thus". **Kotila moved approval of the January 5, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. Olsson seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Allison reported on the Board of Trustees meeting held on January 19, 2009 and the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board meeting held on January 26, 2008. The Board minutes were included in the Commissioner's packets.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. WCC Athletic Field Complex Natural Features Setback Permit

Branigan advised the Commission the applicant has requested the public hearing for the natural features setback permit be rescheduled for the March meeting. Branigan said the applicant has addressed their concerns regarding impacts to natural features and agreed to move the location of the softball field and reduce the size of the parking lot. Branigan said the trees needed to be mitigated in Superior Township will have to be planted in Ann Arbor Township. Branigan explained the applicant was unable to received Superior Township's approval in time for Ann Arbor Township's submittal deadline. Branigan added the applicant has taken steps in the right direction and has submitted a letter of good faith to the Township. **Olsson moved to set a public hearing for March 2, 2009 to consider the natural features setback permit for WCC Athletic Field Complex. Gorman seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

B. Storm Water Ordinance

The Township attorney indicated all the comments from the last meeting have been incorporated into the current draft. The Commission agreed to send the draft to the Office of the Water

Resources Commissioner for comments for 30 days before sending to the Township Board for approval. The Commission noted the ordinance is based on WCDC Part 2 rules and will need to be amended later if and when the WCDC adopts new rules.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed topics for their February and March workshop meetings. Topics included a matrix for future planning commission projects and alternative energy ordinances for the February meeting, and natural features, wetland, and woodlands ordinances for the March meeting.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Items were included in the Commissioners' packets. Olsson announced the Bio-Reserve project will be holding a meeting on March 28, 2009 at Botanical Gardens for property owners in Ann Arbor and Superior Townships. Olsson said the purpose of the meeting is to educate property owners on how to help with quick field assessments, and options on how to manage their natural areas, and the potential tax benefits for placing property in conservation easements.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Gorman seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.