

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010**

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

Also present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser and Township Planning Assistant Joanne Collins.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Allison moved approval of the December 7, 2009 meeting minutes. Gorman seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Allison reported on the December 21, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. The minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting were included in the commissioners' packets.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Amendment to Chapter 74-2 Definition of Family

i. Presentation

O'Connell explained the amendment expands the definition of family and makes the ordinance similar to surrounding communities.

ii. PC Comments

Kotila questioned the language of "dwelling unit" versus "home" and whether it should be one or the other. The Township attorney indicated that it should probably be "dwelling unit" in both sections, and requested approval be made contingent upon Hamlin's approval of the change.

iii. Public Comment

O'Connell opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. There were no public comments. O'Connell closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

iv. PC Action

Snyder moved to recommend approval to the Township Board the amendment to the Definition of Family Ann Arbor Charter Township Zoning Code Section 74-2 contingent upon Hamlin's approval of change to "dwelling unit". Allison seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

B. Amendment to Clarify Standards for Granting Extensions of PUD approvals

i. Presentation

O'Connell explained the amendment clarifies standards for granting extensions of PUD approvals. The Township attorney indicated the amendment is to make the ordinance consistent with changes made to the site plan ordinance and refers back to the site plan. The Township attorney noted if it's a change to an area plan then the ordinance makes clearer it is the Board that takes action. The Township attorney highlighted a minor change on page 2 section 4 inserting "Section 74-176(e)" in the text.

ii. PC Comments

Allison requested from the Township attorney clarification of the meaning of section 4 on page 3 and section 74-542(i) (7).

iii. Public Comment

O'Connell opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m. There were no public comments. O'Connell closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

iv. PC Action

Gorman moved to recommend approval to the Township Board the amendments to Ann Arbor Charter Township Zoning Code Sections 74-542(j) (k) and (i) to clarify standards for extensions of PUD approvals. Olsson seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Commissioners discussed the topics of their upcoming workshops scheduled for January 12th at 7:30 pm.; February 8th and March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational items were included in the Commissioners' packets.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Gorman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Olsson seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.