

**ANN ARBOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 7:35 p.m.

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

Absent: James Snyder.

Also present: Township Attorney Sandra Sorini Elser, Township Planner Zak Branigan, and Zoning Official John Hamlin.

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Allison moved approval of the January 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Mitchell seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Olsson moved approval of the January 12, 2010 workshop meeting minutes. Kotila seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

Allison reported on the January 18, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting. The Board minutes were included in the commissioners' packets.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Woodlands Ordinance**

Hamlin requested the ordinance require the applicant's name, address, and legal description of the property be included in the application for a Tree/Woodland Removal Permit. Hamlin noted the Natural Features ordinance requires this information in applying for a Natural Features Permit, and would be helpful when developing a woodlands permit. Hamlin also suggested allowing mitigated trees to be used in landscaping since it would give more control on how they are being mitigated, and would be consistent with land development standards. Branigan indicated it's not a common practice to use mitigated trees in landscaping. Branigan noted the purpose of the ordinance is to protect the Township's urban forest and to place mitigated trees in their natural setting. Mitchell questioned the use of the word "plantation" and whether it is a woodlands term. Mitchell suggested spelling out the acronym "GAAMP". Olsson suggested adding "according to the Michigan Department of Agricultural" after "GAAMP". **Gorman moved to have the Township attorney make revisions discussed tonight and forward the woodlands ordinance to the Township Board for their February meeting as an informational item before setting a public hearing. Olsson seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of Planning Commission Officers**

**Allison moved to nominate Diane O'Connell as Chair, Peter Kotila as Vice-Chair, and Lee Gorman as Secretary. Mitchell seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**B. Workshop Meetings.**

The Planning Commission decided to cancel their February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and set the codification of land development standards as the topic of discussion for their March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** – None.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** – None.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Olsson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Gorman seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**