

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bellor at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge was recited by all.

Members present: C. Hoyle, J. Frank, B. Campbell, D. Darland, J. Bellor, M. Morin
Members absent: E. Arnold,
Also present: R. Sheppard, Planning Attorney, M. Gradis, Planner

Motion by Hoyle seconded by Campbell to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Frank seconded by Morin to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of Public Input /Comment on the agenda and consensus was to have it at the beginning only since individuals are given the opportunity to comment during discussion of an item.

Public Input/Comment

No public present.

Items for Consideration

Election of Officers

Bellor surrendered the Chair to Vice-Chairman Campbell to conduct elections.

Campbell opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Morin nominated J. Bellor which was supported by Frank.

Bellor was elected Chairperson unanimously on a voice vote.

The floor was opened to nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Frank nominated B. Campbell and was supported by Bellor.

B. Campbell was elected Vice-Chairperson unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairperson Bellor asked if there were any objections to Campbell as vice-chair (since he was running the election) and there were none.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Frank nominated D. Darland which was supported by Hoyle. Darland was elected Secretary unanimously on a voice vote.

Master Plan

Planner Michael Gradis distributed a memo dated December 29, 2011 regarding 2012 projects. The memo noted that in a conversation with the Township Supervisor it was determined that an extensive update of the Township's Master Plan would not be feasible. However, in order to comply with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act the Planning Commission should minimally review the Master Plan at

a meeting in February or March and pass a resolution that the Master Plan is still applicable. The memo identified some ongoing items that could be considered: 1) Kawkawlin and its unique layout; 2) Capital Improvement Plan; 3) Draft Complete Streets Policy; 4) Wireless Telecommunications Services.

Attorney Sheppard noted that when the Master Plan was adopted it was a 20-year document, but the State requires that it be re-visited every five years to see if updates are needed. This would be a late 5-year review as the Plan was adopted in 2006.

Fabiano Brothers' development is the only large change to the township and was considered in developing the Master Plan. Morin questioned whether the 2010 census information should be included.

Commissioners are to review the McKenna memo and the Master Plan and prepare for discussion next month. Planner Gradis is to come up with an estimate for updating the listed issues.

Sheppard mentioned that a new area that has come up is commercial frontage in Tech Park. Should we try to bring some of the area on the west side of Mackinaw across from McDonald's into commercial zoning as opposed to I-1?

Communications

Discussion regarding budget concluded that it was meaningless without the before and after numbers.

It was suggested that perhaps the sign ordinance should be looked at in view of building practices, what standard size sign segments come in, etc.

Planning Commission asked that the Supervisor/Building Inspector check to see if Harold Miller is following what was approved by the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by C. Hoyle supported by D. Darland to accept Communications.

Motion by Hoyle supported by Frank to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Darland
Secretary

DD/jw