

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:30 pm at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan. Chairman Mike Fielek called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:

Chairman, Mike Fielek, Commissioners Gerald Eidt, Ronald Cook, Dali Giese, Rod Imhoff, Ger Schultink, Wanda Bloomquist, Board Representative Martin Wright

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Planning Consultants: Chris Doozan and Zeb Acuff of McKenna Associates, Inc.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Commissioner Eidt to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010,
Seconded by Commissioner Cook. **Motion approved.**

CITIZEN COMMENT--None

NEW BUSINESS--None

Rex LaMore arrived 7:40 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Medical Marihuana—Home Based Business—McKenna Associates, Inc. provided recommended amendments to the zoning ordinance dealing with Medical Marihuana facilities dated May 23, 2010. Planning Consultant, Chris Doozan, reviewed the recommended revisions. The revisions will permit Medical Marihuana as a home occupation. The Planning Commissioners provided several recommendations to improve the language in the outline. Planning Consultant, Chris Doozan, will update the document with recommended changes. It was recommended this item return in July 2010 for a Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Bloomquist to call for a Public Hearing to be held at the July 20th, 2010 meeting for public input regarding amendments to Home Occupations and Home-Based Business and the Wetlands Ordinance. **Seconded by Commissioner Schultink. Motion Approved.**

Wallace Storage—Commissioner Bloomquist shared a site plan was reviewed and approved in February 2010. There has been no progress toward a revised site plan. It was recommended the applicant be contacted in writing citing revised engineered site plans be submitted by July 6th as the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board regarding the submitted site plan at the July meeting.

EECBG Grant

Trails & Greenways—Commissioner Bloomquist shared a timeline beginning June 2010 through December 2010. The Sub Committee recognized to begin work on this grant application is Commissioners' Cook, Eidt, and Bloomquist. Commissioner Bloomquist will work on setting up meetings for the sub committee to begin to produce outlines for next steps in the process. McKenna Associates, Inc was rewarded the RFP.

Grand River Green Zone— Commissioner Bloomquist shared a timeline beginning June 2010 through January 2011. The Sub Committee recognized to begin work on this grant application is Vice Chair LaMore and Commissioners' Bloomquist and Giese. Commissioner Bloomquist will work on setting up meetings for the sub committee to begin to produce outlines for next steps in the process. McKenna Associates, Inc was rewarded the RFP.

Ordinance Review Article 8—Due to time, Chairman Fielek recommended the PC continue review at the July meeting.

PLANNING AND BOARD REPORTS AND REVIEW

Township Board— Board Representative Martin Wright shared MDOT will construct eight feet of additional width of shoulders for non-motorized use along the eastbound and westbound sides of Highway M-43 (Grand River Ave) from Zimmer Road to North Meridian Road, including signing and pavement marking; together with necessary related work, located within the limits of the township.

Planning Staff—Commissioner Bloomquist shared a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2010, with CATA to discuss a bus stop at Williamstown Township Park. Other business includes Energy Efficiency Grant workshops, Roznowski Building Permit, Complete Streets in House and Senate—this might be something to consider adding to the Township ordinance. Visit www.completestreets.org for additional information. A webinar is scheduled with the Renewal of Michigan Association of Planners—let Planning Commissioner Bloomquist know if you are interested in viewing the webinar and she could arrange a viewing at the township. A reminder of this webinar will be emailed.

Planning Commission Chair—Commissioner Fielek shared MDOT is asking for information on round-a-bout plans for M-43 and Zimmer Road. It sounds like this idea might be considered in the future.

Senior Housing Project—Commissioner Imhoff asked if there is any timeline in place for construction. Commissioner Bloomquist shared they were granted an extension. No progress has been made and only one extension can be granted.

Review

Chairman Fielek provided the Planning Commission with a review of tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Cook to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Supported by Commissioner Imhoff. **Motion approved.**

Gerald A. Eidt, Secretary

Debbie Schultz, Recording Secretary