

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

August 10, 2009

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Munro, Chair
Herman Calkins, Vice Chair
Leo Wiley, Secretary
Brenda Case, Trustee
Rick Bernhardt
Mark Howland
David Gaines

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also, present Trustee O'Brien, Richard Oliver, Cynthia Oliver, Treasurer Munro, Dep. Supervisor Johnson, Trustee DeWitt, and Judy Wright.
Attendance 12

Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Calkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Case, to accept the July 13, 2009, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Gaines, to approve the August 10, 2009, meeting agenda as amended to include discussion of the corner of Kincheloe & Watertower. Motion carried.

Rezoning Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

It was stated that the site plan for the Local Express should have been available for commissioners at least ten days before the meeting. Mr. Autore asked if the construction contract could still be put out for bid without formal approval of the site plan. He was given an affirmative answer to proceed with the bidding process. The Commission offered to meet in special session if time constraints were an issue. Mr. Autore stated that the one month delay would not be a problem.

Chair Munro asked that each commissioner develop a compensation plan to pay the commissioners for meetings and the hours that are spent researching issues, etc., that would be fair and equitable to both the members of the commission and the Township. Comment was made that the pay structure currently in place was known by each member prior to taking the oath of office.

The issue of the jog in Kincheloe at the corner of Watertower Drive was discussed briefly. The communications pedestal has been hit once again. It was suggested that the County Road Commission might be able to remedy the issue when the upgrade to Watertower Drive is undertaken in the very near future.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Munro has a draft of compliance and comment letters that can be used in conjunction with the distribution of the Master Plan. There are a couple items that he has to discuss with Kelly Drake of UP Engineers & Architects that caused us not to have copies available this evening. Dep. Supervisor Johnson is investigating the possibility of having a link on the Township's website for interested persons to view the plan online. He anticipates that a public hearing could be held in either October or November.

#3 MOVED: by Bernhardt, second by Case, to **recommend that the Township Board sign a letter of engagement with the firm of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes, PLC to represent the Township's interests in planning matters, with guidelines restricting who, when, and under what conditions the firm would be contacted.** Motion carried with one no vote.

#4 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Gaines, to **recommend that the Township Board rezone the parcel described as: Chippewa County, Kinross Township, T45N, R01W, Sections 21 and 28: All that part of the S 1/2 of Section 21 lying E of the centerline of Gaines Highway, EXCEPT that part lying west of the easterly edge of State Designated Snowmobile Trail # 49 otherwise known as the Mackinac Trail Spur. ALSO: All that part of the North 1/2. of Section 28 lying E of the centerline of Gaines Highway, Excepting- and reserving unto the State of Michigan an access easement to Enable the State of Michigan to access an adjacent parcel described as: the NW ¼ of SE 1/4 of Section 28 (benefited parcel). (355 acres more or less.) from Forest/Recreational to Heavy Industrial as requested by the application completed by Frontier Renewable Resources.** Roll call vote all yes. Motion carried.

RECESS: 7:25 PM

RECONVENE: 7:35 PM

After a brief discussion it was decided that the sign and truck route ordinances will be completed at the September meeting. Additionally it was discussed that it would be helpful to have a workshop to prioritize which ordinances were the most critical to be updated.

#5 MOVED: by Bernhardt, second by Wiley, to allow Gaines to abstain from voting on a request to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a stay in the variance granted for his father. By unanimous vote, motion carried.

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#6 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Howland, **to request that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a stay in the variance given to Mr. John Gaines for the purpose of making his residence handicap accessible.** Motion carried with one abstaining member.

Being no further comments on the rezoning issue, the public hearing was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Leo Wiley, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Judy Wright