

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

July 12, 2010

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Munro, Chair
Herman Calkins, Vice Chair
Gerda Frimberger, Secretary
Brenda Case, Trustee
David Gaines
Rick Bernhardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also, present Treasurer Munro, Richard Oliver, and Judy Wright. Attendance 0

Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Gaines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 MOVED: by Case, second by Calkins, to approve the July 12, 2010, meeting agenda with the addition of a discussion of training and the Planning Commission Ordinance. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Gaines, to accept the June 14, 2010, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A discussion of the current Sign Ordinance #1.128 resulted in Case volunteering to review the current ordinance and bring a suggested update to the next meeting.

During a discussion of the Solid Waste Ordinance it was determined that the Township Board did not amend Sections #503, 504, and 702 of Ordinance #1.116 in the amendment #1.133 (adopted May 3, 2010). The issues in these sections will need revision suggestions to be brought to the Township Board.

It was suggested that the first Ordinance that should be reviewed was the Zoning Ordinance #1.100, as it should mirror the Master Plan. Additional ordinances that would involve Planning Commission involvement should be a higher priority than non-planning/zoning ordinances. Many of the ordinances only need to be updated to reflect the municipal infractions penalties rather than misdemeanor status. Some ordinances may no longer be needed due to changes in State law.

Richard Oliver reported to the Commissioners that he had received satisfactory answers to his questions regarding Fundamental Baptist Church's zoning application. As the use of the building will be primarily for youth group worship activities he stated that the building would be tax exempt. The issue of water run-off, which was a concern due to the percentage of the property that is paved, is being resolved by providing drainage to the south of the site into undeveloped property already owned by the applicant.

#3 MOVED: by Bernhardt, second by Case, to table the election of officers until the Township Board adopts or defeats the Planning Commission Ordinance, and accordingly appoints new members to the Planning Commission. Motion carried with Calkins voting no.

Frimberger asked if our current ordinances restricted the materials that residents could use to construct a fence. Our current zoning ordinance does not list specific materials. Possibly this should be included in the revisions to Ordinance #1.100.

Outdoor burning is only addressed in the Garbage Ordinance #1.110. This is something that would benefit from being addressed in a separate ordinance.

The recent opening of a medical marijuana facility sparked much discussion. It was mentioned that the clinic would be having an information session on Thursday evening if anyone could attend they might gain valuable information. We need to investigate what is stated in State law before any ordinance can be developed.

Case stated that the Planning Commission did not have enough money in the education budget for people to register for training and not attend. It was requested that the members who did not attend the training on June 17th reimburse the Planning Commission for the amount of their registration fees.

Chair Munro stated that if anyone had comments about the Planning Commission Ordinance that they should attend the next Township Board meeting.

Bylaws will be addressed once the Township Board makes a decision regarding the make-up of the Planning Commission.

#4 MOVED: by Calkins, second by Gaines, to meet in two weeks to begin ordinance review. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Gerda Frimberger, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Judy Wright