

**Charter Township of Filer
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Held on November 15, 2016**

Present: Karen Kolk, Shirley Ball, Richard Mark, Roger Dittmer, Jennifer Williams, Linda Rogers, Christa Johnson.

Absent: None

Also present: Lynn Kooyers, Zoning Administrator

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mark

Motion by Williams, seconded by Johnson to approve the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Bicycle Passing Ordinance

Continued discussion of a possible Bicycle Passing Ordinance took place. A stand-alone police power ordinance will require enforcement by the County Sheriff. Enforcement will only be done when the County Sheriff is available and will probably not be seen as a high priority. It may be better to wait and see if proposed HB 5003 is passed, making it a State law that would be enforced across the entire State of Michigan. Clerk Ball commented that the Township Board did not feel this was a high priority at this time.

Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Williams to wait and see what happens with the HB 5003, and to also generate conversation with adjacent municipalities. All in favor. M/C

Request for Proposal to Amend Article 55

Tamara Buswinka, discussed her Request for Proposals to amend Article 55 dated April 21, 2016 on behalf of the Downtown Development Authority. The RFP will be revised by Tamara Buswinka to include requirements that all proposals include costs and be submitted to the Filer Township Clerk. Tamara informed the Commission that she is no longer serving as the Downtown Development Authority Director.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Rogers to post the revised Request for Proposal on the Filer Township website and also on the Michigan Association of Planning employment webpage. All in favor. M/C

Karen Kolk reported on the November 14th Manistee Trail Committee meeting that she attended.

The draft copy of the new Manistee County Trail Committee Brochure was received by the township office & presented for review.

Reports

Zoning Administrator's report and Township Board Meeting Minutes were received.

Zoning Administrator Kooyers informed the Commission of an upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing to be held on December 8th to consider a Demand for Appeal filed by Kenneth Bos requesting a variance from the Lake Michigan bluff-line setback standard.

Zoning Administrator reported that the Filer Township Board of Trustees adopted the Sign Ordinance amendments at their November 1st meeting.

Zoning Administrator Kooyers also commented that she has had informal conversations with Jim Tondu regarding the conversion of the T.E.S coal powered electric plant to a gas turbine powered electric plant. Mr. Tondu has informed Filer Township that this would be a two year construction project, and we can expect to receive a Special Use Permit Application in the near future.

Public Comment

Karen Kolk was complimented for her committee work for the community.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission