

**Charter Township of Filer
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Held on December 20, 2016**

Present: Linda Rogers, Roger Dittmer, Richard Mark, Shirley Ball and Karen Kolk

Absent: Christa Johnson, Jennifer Williams

Also present: Lynn Kooyers, Zoning Administrator, Terry Walker, Supervisor, Jim Tondu and Hank Hoffman representing TES Filer City Station.

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

7:02 p.m. Christa Johnson entered the meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kolk to approve the November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Kolk to approve the presented 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule. All in favor. M/C

TES Notice of Change

Zoning Administrator Kooyers introduced Jim Tondu and thanked him for the TES plant tours he provided for the Planning Commission members.

Planning Commission accepted the TES written notice of change proposing the replacement of the coal boiler equipment with gas turbines at the TES Filer City Station Co-generation Plant. Site plans of the project were displayed. It was decided that a site plan committee would be formed and meet with the Zoning Administrator prior to the January 17, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. Rick Mark and Linda Rogers volunteered for the committee. Tentative meeting dates will be January 5 & 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall. Wade Trim will advise on this project with input from TES staff.

2016 Planning Commission Report

Chairman Mark presented his 2016 Report, discussion followed.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Johnson to accept the 2016 Planning Commission Report with discussed corrections. All in favor. M/C

Revised 2016 Planning Commission Report will be shared with the Township Board.

Redevelopment Ready Communities

The Commission discussed Best Practices information included in the meeting packet. Chairman Mark will divide the Best Practices document into workable monthly meeting projects.

Request for Proposals to update Filer Zoning Ordinance

Rick Mark will contact Tamara Buswinka regarding minor changes to the Request for Proposals that she submitted. Chairman Mark will report back to the Planning Commission.

Manistee Trail Committee Update

Karen Kolk discussed the December meeting she attended. The Minutes from the November 14, 2016 were submitted.

Reports

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

Supervisor Walker reported that the sewer project is moving forward.

A Board of Appeals Public Hearing was held on December 8, 2016. Kenneth Boss request for Lake Michigan Bluff set back variance was denied.

Public Comment

None was given

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission