

**Charter Township of Filer  
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting  
Held on May 17, 2016**

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

Absent: Christa Johnson.

Also present: Lynn Kooyers, Zoning Administrator, Richard Wilson, Township Attorney.

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

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rogers to approve the April 19, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Kolk, seconded by Williams to approve the April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Slonecki Home Occupation Special Use Permit Application

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rogers to approve the presented Special Use Permit document for the Harlan Slonecki Jr. home occupation "H.S. Precision Riflesmithing". All in favor. M/C

Chairman Mark discussed the Manistee County US 31 Corridor Plan meeting that he recently attended on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Alliance for Economic Success office. Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner discussed mapping out a plan for the entire U.S. 31 Corridor for all of Manistee County, from County Line South to County Line North. This type of County-wide plan will be required when filing grant requests to fund improvement projects. The target date for mapping out the project is the end of September.

31.10.1060 Sign Regulations- Revisions

The Sign Regulations revisions dated 5/17/19 prepared by Attorney Sarah Alden were reviewed. Each page was discussed with suggested changes and corrections noted.

After much discussion, Chairman Mark requested Attorney Wilson to make the suggested revisions to the Sign Regulations including Schedules A – E, for review by the Planning Commission at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Discussion of Article 55 General Commercial District

The Commission reviewed Article 55 and found it to be supportive of the US 31 Corridor Analysis & Opportunities Plan Map prepared by Wade Trim. It was suggested that a mixed use overlay zone might be added to the West side of U.S. 31.

Reports

Zoning Report, Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing Minutes and Township Board Meeting Minutes were received.

Zoning Administrator Kooyers reminded everyone who registered for the "Sign Regulation in Manistee County" seminar at City Hall on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm. to please attend.

Kooyers informed the Commission that Supervisor Walker would like to invite everyone to attend the "Explore the Shores" meeting to be held at Magoon Creek Park next Wednesday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am to discuss lake access via the old road parallel to Lake Michigan, which could also include handicap accessibility.

Public Comment

None was offered at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary  
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission