

**Charter Township of Filer  
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting  
Held on August 16, 2016**

Present: Linda Rogers, Jennifer Williams, Roger Dittmer, Richard Mark, Shirley Ball and 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 July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Karen Kolk commented that she has recently learned the term "universal access" during her attendance at "Explore the Shores" meetings. The term is being used because it includes a broader segment of the population.

7:03 Johnson entered the meeting.

Public Hearing 31.10.1060 Sign Regulations-Amendments

Motion by Williams, seconded by Dittmer to accept the presented changes to Chapter 31, Article 10, Section 1060 of the Charter Township of Filer Code of Ordinances (Sign Regulations) and direct Township Attorney Wilson to present the revisions to Manistee County Planning for review and comment. All in favor. M/C

Gordon & Shirley Fausz-Subdivision Lot Split Application

Gordon and Shirley Fausz Subdivision Lot Split Application for parcel #51-06-482-715-07 was reviewed by the Commission. It was determined that the proposed split failed to comply with the 15,000 sq/ft minimum land requirement of the High Density Residential District. After discussion, it was noted that the minimum land requirement could be met by increasing the amount of land in the fractional split of Lot #88 to be allocated to parcel #51-06-482-715-07, which would allow approval of this application. All other requirements have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Williams to approve the Fausz Subdivision Lot Split Application after increasing the area of land in the fractional split of Lot #88 that will be allocated to parcel #51-06-482-715-07, meeting the 15,000 sq/ft. land requirement of this application, and to forward the application to the Filer Township Board of Trustees for their consideration at the September meeting. All in favor. M/C

U.S. 31 Corridor Analysis & Opportunities Map

Chairman Mark shared a list of 10 map items he would like the Commission to review. He asked the Commission to consider his suggestions and to also bring their own ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman Mark will check with Tamara Buswinka to determine whether the DDA contract with Wade Trim allows for any revisions to the map.

Reports

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

Zoning Administrator Kooyers reported that the blighted structure located on Cherry Rd. has been demolished.

Clerk Ball reported that the State of Michigan has approved the site plan for the Nelson St. office. Remodeling will resume in the near future. She also reported that the City of Manistee is working on their Master Plan.

Public Comment

None was offered at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary  
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission