

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

Vice Chair Sally Richie called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Sally Richie, Bill Sinkule, Laurence Krieg, Muddasar Tawakkul, Elizabeth El-Assadi, Gloria Peterson and Stan Eldridge

Commissioners Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Dennis McLain, Township Attorney; Jason Iacoangeli, Planning Director and Charlotte Wilson, Planning and Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Richie welcomed Elizabeth El-Assadi to the Planning Commission.

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Krieg supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting with the following amendments:

- 1. On page two of the meeting minutes where the microphone malfunctioned, Dennis McLain said the church would be allowed to locate within 1,000 feet of an existing dispensary and the dispensary would not be required to move.**
- 2. On page three of the meeting minutes where the microphone malfunctioned, Dennis McLain said massage therapists are licensed and massage parlors are unlicensed.**

The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge supported by Commissioner Peterson to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PLAN REVIEW

A. None

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP NON-MOTORIZED PLAN – TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE DRAFT NON-MOTORIZED PLAN.

Jason Iacoangeli, Planning Director, asked if the Planning Commission had comments or questions regarding the draft Non-Motorized Plan. He acknowledged comments from Commissioner Krieg were received by email and incorporated into the most recent version of the draft.

Commissioner Richie said she was concerned about pedestrian safety at the mid-block crossing near Rosewood Avenue across Ecorse Road. She said drivers rarely stop for pedestrians. She asked if more signage would be appropriate to warn drivers of the upcoming crosswalk. She read a section of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities,

Townships, and Villages “When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but a pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.”

Mr. Iacoangeli said he can add an appendix to the Non-Motorized Plan to include applicable Michigan State law with regards to motorists and pedestrians for educational purposes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sinkule, supported by Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of the Non-Motorized Plan to the Township Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Eldridge, supported by Commissioner Krieg to have Commissioner Richie serve as Chair, Commissioner Sinkule serve as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Krieg serve as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

A. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

B. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Krieg stated the importance of accurately recording the meeting minutes, especially when the attorney gives an opinion.

Commissioner Richie said the meeting minutes are more summarized than they have been in the past. She said she wondered if a summary of the meeting minutes versus word-for-word is a better practice.

C. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Kyle, 332 East Jefferson, Ann Arbor, MI, said that video recordings of public meetings would be helpful instead of relying on a recorder.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

10. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

11. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY REPORT

None

12. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Iacoangeli said the American Center for Mobility (ACM) may request a special use permit from the Planning Commission for an event space where a short term garage addition was planned.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

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None

A motion was made by a Commissioner Peterson, supported by Commissioner Eldridge to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46pm

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Wilson
Planning and Development Coordinator

Recommended for approval as corrected
Laurence J. Krieg, Secretary
Ypsilanti Township Planning Commission