

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING**

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***MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING***

**DATE: October 12, 2021**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chairman - Ronald Voigt

Vicki Bachakes

Vice Chair - Mark Newman

Christopher Czyzio

Secretary - William Mills

Craig Davis

Terry A. Peck, Board of Trustees Representative

Mandy Hemingway, Recording Secretary

**PRESENT:** Ronald Voigt, Mark Newman, William Mills, Vicki Bachakes, Christopher Czyzio, Craig Davis and Terry Peck

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clerk Wendy Meinburg, and twelve other individuals were present.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by Planning Commission Chairman Voigt with Roll Call and Pledge to the American Flag.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**COMMISSIONER PECK MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Czyzio to approve the agenda as presented.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**COMMISSIONER BACHAKES MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Davis

to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 meeting.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS 7:02 P.M.**

Two comments were made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS 7:05 P.M.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. PUBLIC HEARING – A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 08-27-502-017, PARCEL NO. 08-27-502-025 AND PARCEL NO. 08-27-502-024 FROM M-2 MANUFACTURING HEAVY DISTRICT TO RSA RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 7:06 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONER PECK MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Bachakes to approve the request to go to the next Board of Trustees Meeting for its first reading to rezone Parcel No. 08-27-502-017, Parcel No. 08-27-502-025 and Parcel No. 08-27-502-024 from M-2 Manufacturing Heavy District to RSA Residential Suburban Agricultural District.

- Commissioner Mills commented to clarify that rezoning will address the concerns of the affected property owners.
- Commissioner Peck commented and gave brief explanation of zoning map being approved by the board as presented and unaware of clerical error.
- Commissioner Czyzio gave comment.
- Building inspector, Rob Kehoe gave comment.

- Dan Anderson, president of Flushing Historical Society, questioned if property to the north of these properties were zoned correctly.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING 7:21 P.M.**

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Newman, Mills, Bachakes, Czyzio, Davis, Peck and Voigt

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First reading of amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will be on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting.

2. Mrs. Kelly Brahce, of 11455 W. Coldwater Road, was in attendance requesting a Special Use Permit for an Accessory Structure in the front yard. Mrs. Brahce stated she would like to place a 10 x 20 storage shed in her front yard, stating it is the only place it will fit on the property. A letter was received from a neighbor, Charles and Beverly Storm, who oppose this request. Commissioner Peck shared that two additional individuals shared their displeasure of an accessory structure in a front yard with him. Another neighbor, in attendance, Mr. Ray Atherton, spoke in favor of Mrs. Brahces's request. Two letters were presented from two neighbors who were not opposed. After reviewing the support papers and further discussion, the following motion was made.

**COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Peck to move Mrs. Brahce's request for a Special Use Permit for an accessory structure in the front yard of 11455 W. Coldwater Road to the next Planning Commission Meeting on November 8, 2021 under Unfinished Business, as the application for a Special Use Permit was incomplete, lacking a checklist, and the Planning Commission would like more information to support this request. The structure may stay at the location until a decision is made by the Planning Commission at the next meeting.



**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Mills, Czyzio, Davis, Peck, Voigt and Newman

**NAYS:** Bachakes

**ABSENT:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discussion on possible procedure for temporary accessory structures.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

**COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Peck to move this item to Unfinished Business at the next Planning Commission Meeting on November 8, 2021, at which time the members of the Planning Commission can review proposed language produced by the office/Rowe Engineering for a possible amendment to the current ordinance.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CAL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Peck, Voigt, Newman, Mills, Bachakes, Czyzio and Davis

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OPEN FOR COMMENTS:** 7:42 P.M.

Two comments were made. The building inspector also made comment.

**CLOSED FOR COMMENTS:** 7:56 P.M.

**VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Newman commented on the upcoming MTA workshop.

**VIII. NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING IS MONDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.



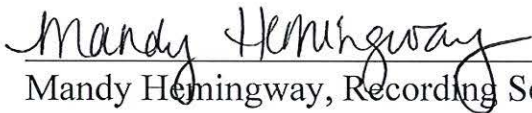
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RONALD VOIGT, Chairman



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WILLIAM MILLS, Secretary

11-8-21

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Date of Approval



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Mandy Hemingway, Recording Secretary