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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark J. Newman, Chair

Richard Buell

Jerome Doyle, Vice Chair

Ronald Flowers

Eric Swanson, Secretary

David Gibbs

Mark Purkey, Board of Trustee Representative

Julia A. Morford, Recording Secretary

PRESENT: Newman, Doyle, Swanson, Buell, Flowers, Gibbs, Purkey, and Morford

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: 1 other individual

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair **MARK NEWMAN** with Roll Call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: BUELL MOVED, seconded by Flowers to adopt the Agenda as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2009: PURKEY MOVED, seconded by Swanson to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2009 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Continued Discussion Regarding Wind Turbines

It was recommended to have **ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON** review the *Draft Ordinance Residential Wind Energy Systems* and then schedule a Public Hearing.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brian Grappin, 8515 Wesley Drive, Flushing MI 48433

Informal Hearing Regarding a Home Occupation

Mr. Grappin was not in attendance.

2. Curtis J. Scott, 649 N. Cochran Avenue, Charlotte MI 48813
Informal Hearing Regarding a Charter Environmental School

FACTS PERTAINING TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL:

1. Background:

Mr. Scott:

- a. grew up in the Flushing Township Nature Park Home.
- b. is in the process of securing funding for the home.
- c. is a University of Michigan – Ann Arbor Graduate
 1. Author and teacher of ancient history
 2. Teaching certificate from Olivet College in Olivet Michigan
 3. Taught school in Battle Creek, Michigan
 4. Worked as an Alternative Education Teacher
 5. Had a software business in Seattle Washington

2. Nature Park Home:

- a. the home would have to be expanded
- b. the garage would be transformed into office space

3. Charter Environmental School:

- a. The curriculum would be with the State of Michigan
- b. Schools are permitted in the Flushing Township neighborhood
- c. Requests for permits have to be turned into the Township and State
- d. Central Michigan University (CMU) and Michigan State University (MSU) have been contacted as partners with the school program
- e. There would be fifty (50) to one hundred (100) students
- f. The school would serve students in grades 11 and 12
- g. Curriculum would be five (5) core industries that the State has laid out
- h. The classes would be half day
- i. Hope to share the grant with another school district and could take students from any district.
 1. would draw students from Montrose Schools, Flushing Schools, and Clio School District but could not pick and choose the students
 2. there would be special education students in the program
- j. Currently working on college students with a marketing perspective similar to the Genesee County Skill Center (Flint, Michigan)
- k. The Nature Park itself would be used as a training program
- l. The State would handle who has jurisdiction for schools
- m. There would be approximately one and a half (1½) acres where the school would be located

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bring a site plan drawing to the Planning Commission that would include the expansion, trees, curved roads, etc.
2. Water is currently along McKinley Road.
3. There is a septic system at the home (Check with the Genesee County Health Department regarding requirements)
4. Review of Ordinance for Discretionary Special Use Permit
 - a. Sealed survey – Section 20-1801
5. A building permit has to be obtained with anything that pertains to a building

CONCLUSION:

The Planning Commission felt the Charter Environmental School would be great but Mr. Scott and Partner Angela Kaiser, who has been in the horticultural industry for twelve (12) years, have to obtain all the financing, building, permits, etc before returning to the Planning Commission.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

8:12 P.M. – OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Pat Drozdowski, 5290 Deland Road, Flushing – “the windmill at Paradise, Michigan has red lights on the top which makes it easy to see at night.”

8:15 P.M. – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VII. BOARD COMMENTS:

1. **BUELL** wanted to know if any further information had been obtained about a router for the internet service.
2. **PURKEY** was glad to get the proposed wind turbine ordinance ready for **ATTORNEY STEVE MOULTON’s (ATTORNEY MOULTON)** review.
3. **DOYLE** liked the idea of a Charter School.
4. **FLOWERS** felt that when the Public Hearing was scheduled, all the surrounding municipalities should be notified.
5. **SWANSON** thanked all the Planning Commission Members for their hard work on the proposed wind turbine ordinance.
6. **NEWMAN** reminisced about the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor which was started in 181. Recently the Pfizer Campus was bought by the U of M.

VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE: NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING – MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Due to lack of business matters, **NEWMAN** adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

MARK J. NEWMAN, Chair

JULIA A. MORFORD, Recording Secretary

ERIC SWANSON, Secretary

Date of Approval

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