

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 19, 2011
MINUTES**

1) CALL TO ORDER - The Regular Meeting of the Augusta Township Planning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

2) ROLL CALL

Members present: Chie, Keefe, Selter, Tobler. Absent: Lafuente, McMahon. Excused: Thornton. Planner Laura Kreps was also present.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Keefe, supported by Selter, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting as submitted. Vote was unanimous for approval.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Selter, supported by Keefe, to approve the agenda as submitted. Vote was unanimous for approval.

5) BUSINESS ITEMS

Planner Laura Kreps reviewed the application for PA116 #2011-6 and the “approval procedures” outlined in the generic review letter from January 14, 2009. She described the standards for review.

For the subject application, the application was found to be complete and met the required standards of the township.

Motion by Tobler, supported by Keefe, to recommend to the Township Board the approval of the PA116 application number 2011-6 for 30 years for Fred and Dorothy Howard for 11 parcels located on the north and south sides of Talladay Road, parcel codes T-20-14-300-010, T-20-14-300-019, T-20-23-100-021, T-20-23-100-022, T-20-23-100-023, T-20-23-100-027, T-20-23-100-029, T-20-23-200-036, T-20-23-200-037, T-20-23-200-039, T-20-23-200-050, 135.487 acres. The Planning Commission finds that the application is complete and meets the Land Eligibility Qualifications of being greater than 40 acres and with more than 51% of the land being agriculturally involved. Further, the property meets the intent of the Augusta Charter Township Master Plan by its location in the area planned as “Agriculture” on the Agricultural Preservation Overlay Map 8a.

However, the Planning Commission is concerned whether the grouping of many small parcels under different legal ownership meets the State’s requirements for a PA116 application, and draws the State’s attention to this matter. Vote was unanimous for approval.

6) OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

6a) Correspondence Received – Resignation letter from Brian LaFuente as Planning Commission member.

6b) Planning Commission Members – none

6c) Members of the Audience – none

7) REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – none

Planning Commissioner David McMahon arrived at 6:45pm

8) REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE – none

9) REPORT OF THE PLANNING CONSULTANT – none

10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Selter, supported by Keefe, to adjourn. Vote was unanimous for approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Tobler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William E Tobler, Secretary
Planning Commission