

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 20, 2010
MINUTES**

1) CALL TO ORDER - The Regular Meeting of the Augusta Township Planning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

2) ROLL CALL

Members present: Chie, LaFuente, McMahan, Selter, Tobler. Excused: Keefe. Absent: Richardson. Planner Laura Kreps was absent. Tobler reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Linda Richardson the previous Friday.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McMahan, supported by Tobler, to approve the minutes of the September 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried. Selter and LaFuente abstained due to absence at September meeting.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5) PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

6) BUSINESS ITEMS

6a) P.A. 116 Application – Sell, Dean and Susan – Willis and Hitchingham

The application was reviewed and found to be in order.

Motion by Tobler, supported by Selter, to recommend approval of the PA116 application #2010-5 for 10 years by Dean and Susan Sell for properties located at Willis and Whittaker Roads, 99.5 acres, 7200 Willis Road, T-20-09-200-006. The Planning Commission finds that the application is complete and meets the Land Eligibility Qualifications of being an application of 40 acres or more with more than 51% of the land agriculturally active. The property meets the intent of the Augusta Charter Township Master Plan by meeting the first expressed goal to “Preserve the rural character of Augusta Charter Township through management of growth and preservation of natural resources and active farming”. Vote was unanimous for approval.

7) OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

7a) Correspondence Received – Tobler provided copies of an anonymous letter that he had received through David Geromette regarding the AT&T cell tower proposal.

7b) Planning Commission Members

McMahan described the Citizen Planner course fall signup, and a new web based version. Selter commented that the trucking operation at Judd and Bunton apparently was largely discontinued. Selter, McMahan and LaFuente indicated that a truck “parking” operation continues at the SE corner of Whittaker and Willis. LaFuente indicated that “United Road” car carrier parks there 3 days a week.

7c) Member of the Audience – none

8) REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Tobler reported on the status of the cell tower application. New materials were received early this day by the township. Copies were distributed to those present. The November meeting will be held at the Lincoln High School West Cafeteria, Room 1500.

9) REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE – Chie reported on the first variance request in about a year. This was for an addition to a house on Pitman where the addition would follow the existing front setback of a legally nonconforming home. The variance was granted.

10) REPORT OF THE PLANNING CONSULTANT – none

11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by LaFuente, supported by Selter, to adjourn. Vote was unanimous for approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William E Tobler".

William E Tobler, Secretary
Planning Commission