

AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FOR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2012

Location: Township Hall Annex

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Augusta Township Planning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 6:37 PM.

2) ROLL CALL BY G. Chie

Members Present: D. McMahon, R. Selter, G. Chie, D. Bennett and T. Newsome

Members Absent: I. Todd

One Member Seat Open & Yet To Be Appointed

3) QUARM ESTABLISHED

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Selter: Supported by Trustee Chie, to approve the proposed agenda as submitted for consideration to the Township Clerk by March 3, 2013.

Vote to accept the Motion was unanimously approved—

Resulting Action: Current Meeting Agenda Accepted.

5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2012

Motion by Commissioner McMahon: Supported by Trustee Bennett, to approve the draft minutes of the last meeting held October 17, 2012, as presented and submitted in writing.

Vote to accept the Motion as made and supported was unanimously approved.

Resulting Action—October Meeting Minutes to be forwarded to the Township Clerk as originally submitted without any edits or revisions.

6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Chie opened the floor for nomination of the position of Chairman of the Board:

Commissioner Selter nominated Commissioner Chie, the nomination supported by Commissioner Bennett with No additional nominations offered the

Subsequent Vote unanimously approved

Action: Commissioner Chie re-elected as Board Chairman

Commissioner Chie then opened the floor for nomination of the position of Vice Chairman of the Board:

Commissioner Bennett nominated Commissioner Newsome, the nomination supported by Commissioner Selter; Commissioner McMahon Nominated Commissioner Selter as a 2nd candidate for the position, the second candidate nomination was supported by Commissioner Chie.

Subsequent Vote was passed with three votes for Commissioner Newsome and Two Votes for Commissioner Selter.

Action: Commissioner Newsome elected to the position of Vice Chair

Commissioner Chie opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary:

Commissioner Selter nominated Commissioner McMahon; nomination was supported by Commissioner Newsome.

As there were no additional nominations for the position, Commissioner McMahon was unanimously approved as Recording Secretary.

7) POSTED PUBLIC HEARINGS

As there was no Public Meetings Posted –Item Closed

8) CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

Chairman Chie acknowledged that a written letter recommendation by the County Soil Conservation District to accept the Briggs Farm PA 116 application had been received by the Township Clerk; however, a copy of the correspondence was not available for review and comment.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Chie opened the meeting for public comment.

Two members of the audience than addressed the commission with regards to their interest to form a Special Assessment District within the township to address the maintenance and dredging of local ponds and lakes within the township.

Lake Lorain at the eastern edge of the township was given by those in attendance as an example of such bodies of water to be considered for this Special Assessment.

It was discussed by the commission at large that this item was believed to be outside the direct authority of the Planning Commission. However, if the audience members in attendance wished to further the cause for creation of a Special Assessment District as described that they should consider contacting the Township Clerk/and Supervisor to propose a presentation and discussion of the subject as part of the agenda for the Township Board of Trustees to consider during a future meeting.

No additional public comments were offered from the audience at that time.

10) NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Chairman Chie opened the floor for discussion and explanation of the current PA 116 Application as submitted on behalf of the Briggs Farms-Hitchingham Road.

After a brief explanation of the PA 116 process; and how, the key points of the current application demonstrated compliance with the legal requirements of meeting the PA 116 criteria for inclusion under the program. The board contracted consultant Laura Kreps (representing Carlise/Wortman) recommended that the Planning Commission approve the application as submitted.

Subsequent, to the consultant's recommendations; Chairman Chie called for a motion.

Commissioner Selter made a motion to accept the current PA 116 application for the Briggs Farm Property as presented.

The Motion as presented was supported by Newsome,

The resulting vote was unanimous for approval.

Action: The Planning Board Chairman and/or consultant will forward the current Briggs –Farm PA 116 application to the full Township Board of Trustees with the unanimous recommendation to have the Township Board of Trustees approve and forward the Application for agency filing, as further required and as presented.

11) REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

As the Township Representative was absent No Report was given or submitted.

12) REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE

Commissioner Chie serving as the ZBA Representative stated that No report was currently being scheduled for presentation at this time as no meeting of the ZBA has occurred since the Planning Commission’s last meeting.

13) REPORT OF THE PLANNING CONSULTANT

Laura Kreps, representing Carl/Wortman & associates proceeded to pass out a list of written recommendations that also should be forwarded to the Township Board of Trustees in order to help facilitate the five year statutory review of the Township’s Master Plan this year.

Consequently, she also recommended scheduling at least a total of six meetings of the Planning Commission this current year in order to accomplish the review process, and that several of the meetings should be conducted as a joint Workshop with the Board of Trustees.

Additionally, key recommendations of the list presented described several of the key points of the current Master plan that should be considered as part of the review process.

FOLLOWING A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT BY THE PLANNING CONSULTANT

14) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting as the approved agenda for the night's meeting had been completed.

Motion by Selter: to adjourn the meeting, the motion was unanimously supported and the meeting adjourned at approximately 07:05 PM

Draft Minutes Prepared by:

Planning Commission Secretary

David A. McMahon

Submitted Electronically for Filing

To Augusta Township Clerk

Kathy Giszczak

04/02/2013

Final Edited Meeting Minutes as Ratified on May 15, 2013

Submitted Electronically for Final Filing

To Augusta Township Clerk

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05/19/2013