

AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FOR SPECIAL MEETING HELD November 6, 2013

Location: Township Hall Annex

1) CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Augusta Township Planning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

2) ROLL CALL BY Chairman G. Chie

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

Members Absent: R. Blackman

3) QUARM ESTABLISHED

Guests Present: Mr. Chris Fox of Salient Landscaping, Laura Kreps of Carl Wortman, Associates. Township Trustee Kath Howard and William Tobler.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chairman Chie: To accept the meeting agenda as proposed.

Motion Supported by Commissioner Bennett, to approve the proposed agenda as submitted for consideration.

Vote to accept the Motion was unanimously approved—

Resulting Action: Current Meeting Agenda Accepted without modifications.

5) APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

No Meeting Minutes proposed for approval at this time.

6) PUBLIC HEARINGS –None Scheduled.

7) BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. Determination of Similar Use—“Landscape Office/Warehouse” similar to “office Uses” As listed in Section 3.5 K.1 of the Township Master Plan as listed in the LC District under permitted uses.

Discussion opened at 6:33; with Chairman Chie asking Mr. Fox to provide the Planning Commission with the specific attributes of his planned business use of the property in question and as addressed as xxxx Willis Road.

Based upon his description of the business it was established that his proposed business does meet with the current expectations of the Township Master Plan and Zoning Requirements.

- The business is a service business that is meant serve the needs of both the local private and public community as well as the needs of any adjoining municipalities.
- The business has already been in successful operation for several years.
- The business is community and family friendly
- He intends to add additional employees which hopefully will come from the existing community.
- NO Chemicals or Hazardous materials will be stored on site—only vehicles and eventually Landscape materials.
- He intends to utilize Portable Concrete barriers to provide additional security for the property.

Laura Kreps, serving as the Planning Commission’s Consultant agreed that the proposed change in current business use does meet the Master Plan’s definitions of similar use.

Chairman Chie than Asked for a Motion on wither to accept the proposed business use as a “Similar Use Business. “

A Motion was supported by Commissioner Newsome

The Motion was unanimously approved by a vote of all six commissioners in favor.

Action: The Planning Commission does recommend to the Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees that a “Determination of Similar Land and Business Use” has been determined for the new to move in Business proposed by Mr. Fox.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chie Made a Motion: To Adjourn the meeting.

The motion was unanimously supported by all Commissioners.

Action: Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Draft Minutes Prepared by:

Planning Commission Secretary

David A. McMahon

Submitted Electronically for Filing

To Augusta Township Clerk

Kathy Giszczak

11/18/2013

David A. McMahon

Dated: 11/18/2013

