

## MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

### Augusta Charter Township Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting

Township Hall  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chie at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

In Attendance: D. Bennett, G. Chie, D. Newsome, R. Selter, J. Thornton

Absent: B. Blackmon, D. McMahon

Selter was asked by Chie and agreed to record minutes.

There were (2) audience members in attendance as well as Planner Laura Kreps.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Thornton, support by Newsome to approve agenda as presented.

Planner Kreps corrected that there were no minutes attached to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

No minutes attached. McMahon attempted to send at 5 p.m. today. Kreps indicated we will have minutes by next meeting. There was a reminder that payroll is based on minutes (recording of attendance) so commissioners will not be compensated for meetings until minutes are approved.

#### 5. Election of Officers

Bennett moved to nominate Chie for Chair, Newsome support

Chie moved to nominate Selter for Recording Secretary, Bennett support

Chie moved to nominate Newsome for Vice Chair, Bennett support

Motion to approve slate of officers as nominated carried unanimously.

#### 6. Public Hearings – None

#### 7. Business Items

- a. **Master Plan - Review Survey Results** – Online survey concluded March 31, 2014. Results tallied and presented in meeting packet and at meeting by Planner Kreps. Reminder that we must now compare results with goals and objectives from prior plan.

Thornton noted that response of 158 people was just over 2%. Kreps indicated when children are removed from count, it was a good response. Chie noted that the main issue is road condition. Thornton indicated that there is currently approx. \$157,000 allocated for road repair.

Audience member Mallonen was recognized to make comments. She noted that responders were long term residents and invested in the community. She made comments regarding conditions of the roads including need for maintenance, safety hazards, inviting liability, different usage problems, and agriculture versus industrial use. She indicated she can't have a business in part due to the conditions of the roads. Noted location was Judd between Whittaker & Pittman Rds. Chie stated that a bond issue to repair roads can't be supported by 3 or 4 homes, but a bond issue could be investigated.

Audience member Tobler gave brief history of funding level for repair. Thornton indicated township board(s) cannot get money to repair roads. She also noted residents should clean their culverts/ditches and slow down, and that trash dumping impaired the ditches ability to carry water.

Mallonen made comment about needing ordinance enforcement.

Selter asked about connecting survey results to the responsibility of the Planning Commission. Tobler indicated Planning Commission is mainly zoning and Augusta Township has not had a capital improvement planning group. OHM did a sewer master plan in 2003 but it is obsolete.

Chie and Kreps clarified Planning Commission "homework" prior to next meeting is:

- Review former master plan goals and objectives
- Review survey results
- Determine what still applies, what no longer applies, and what is missing

Tobler clarified for new planning commissioners that the former master plan was done at a time when development was seen as inevitable, township had to provide areas for all types of development. The desire was to concentrate development (from a few large proposals) into areas of utilities (urban services), and reserve remainder of land for open space / farming. Many concepts are obsolete but PC still should designate target locations for development.

Question was raised for discussion at next meeting whether PA116 properties should be designated not as areas for development.

Planner Kreps will email former goals and objectives for review.

Selter will provide minutes to Planner Kreps & Clerk Giszczek for distribution.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chie made motion for adjournment, Newsome support. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Commissioner Selter.