

Sandstone Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Chris Crisenbery, Peggy Eiler, Greg Inosencio, Cheryl Marks

GUESTS: Melissa Kalnasy from Carlisle Wortman

Chairman Crisenbery called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm in the township hall. Cheryl Marks moved to approve the Agenda as written. Greg Inosencio supported the motion. Motion passed. Greg Inosencio moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting. Peggy Eiler supported the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peggy Eiler remarked that she has called the road commission twice about the area on County Farm near her home needing to be mowed. She can't see to pull out of her driveway. Mowing was skipped last time due to a downed tree limb. The area is a hazard.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The township board asked trustee Cheryl Marks to bring up the topic of language for a water park possibly being considered to put in the Zoning Ordinance. The individual who owns Nite Lites at the Jackson County Fair facility now has ownership of the Burr Oak Golf Course and would like to know about the possibility of adding a camp ground to the area and possibly a water park. Chris Crisenbery was also familiar with the idea being discussed. We have nothing in our ordinance at the moment to allow such a facility. We asked the consultant to bring us ideas on the topic for a future discussion. The cost/infrastructure needed to build such a facility/development would be very expensive for the owner and maybe the township. We talked about some ideas for the Master plan after our reading of it since our last meeting. We asked the consultant to please add the various attachments/changes that have been made to it over the years. It would be nice to have the Land Use Map made available on the township webpage. Page 14- Identify prime agricultural land and soils. Would we ever consider buying the development rights from a farmer in order to conserve the land? Page 15 -Adopt language to ensure protection of important ground water, woodlands and wetlands? Consider a tree survey to help manage our woodlands. Identify size and types or any protected species. Ask for replacement if removed? A landowner might not like being limited to conserving trees if money was needed from the harvest of large trees. We can consider a township park but we realize we do not have any lakes or large rivers to make it appealing. We also have county parks near our township. Can we wait to revise the Master Plan until the results of the 2020 national census are available? Cheryl Marks spoke to 4 residents who said, "Keep things the way they currently are." Per Chris Crisenbery, the MTA maintains that if too many changes are made to a Master Plan it degrades the previous document.

Cheryl Marks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6: 52. Greg Inosencio supported the motion. Motion passed. Our next meeting is October 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Marks