

**WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2017**

Present: Duane Bodfish, Colleen Curtis, Scott McKee, Kevin Schuhknecht

Also Present: Carl Baxmeyer, Charles Pater

Chairman Schuhknecht called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting were read. D. Bodfish made a motion to approve the minutes as read. C. Curtis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Master Plan Update

C. Baxmeyer, representing Wightman & Associates, was invited by the Planning Commission to give a presentation on updating the Township's Master Plan. Baxmeyer gave a brief outline of the procedures and timelines of updating and adopting a Master Plan. Baxmeyer stated that what the Commission needs to decide is whether a complete study and update is needed or if a refresher of the current plan - i.e., updated demographics, minor projection changes, etc. - is all that is necessary. Baxmeyer asked if there were any major issues or concerns that the Commission immediately had in mind. It was noted that there may be several issues that may confront the Township in the future, most notably, how to deal with matters relating to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, wedding barns and renewable energy facilities. Baxmeyer did state that if the Township were confronted with any of those issues they should first be addressed in the Master Plan. Baxmeyer did suggest that, as a preliminary to the next meeting, the Commissioners should review and understand the Zoning Ordinance and the current Master Plan. The Commissioners agreed that would be a good start.

With there being no further business to come before the Commission, C. Curtis made a motion to adjourn. D. Bodfish seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Lohr
Zoning Administrator