

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2019
MEETING ROOM – 7:00 PM
APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Windsor Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Holtz.

Present: Holtz, Brija, Sabourin, Pray, Johnson, Bergamini, Pisano

Absent: None

Also Present: Asst Chief Fabijancic, Pete Preston (Planning Consultant) and Lisa Rumsey (Clerk)

Bergamini moved Brija seconded to approve the Agenda as amended, adding Zoning Ordinance Work under New Business. Carried 7-0.

Johnson moved and Brija seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Carried 7-0.

Reports:

Board of Trustees: 1) First reading of the Adult-Use Marijuana Ordinance was on 9/24 and last night 10/8 the Ordinance was adopted. 2) Postponed decision on Social Media Policies. 3) Agreement was made on a cemetery issue. 4) Nominated Tony Piper to Board of Appeals.

Board of Appeals: None

Board of Review: None

Reports & Announcement: None

Hear Public present on agenda items:

A few people from the public were in attendance for the Theravada Buddhist Association Michigan Special Use Permit.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on Theravada Buddhist Association Michigan (TBAM) Special Use Permit. After some research, it was determined that TBAM was formed under Michigan Act 162 of 1982 (Nonprofit Corporation act) and not Act 327 of 1931 (Section 450.178 Ecclesiastical Corporation). Going forward Planning Commission will consider TBAM as a social institution; which under our zoning is allowed in Agricultural districts. From information received from TBAM so far, it has been determined they will be considered a mixed use occupancy, Lodging or Rooming House and Assembly. Handicap parking was touched upon. Social gatherings are still taking place most Sundays and during the week during their request for a Special Use Permit. A professionally prepared site plan and more information on assembly use is still needed. **Bergamini moved and Pray seconded to table Theravada Buddhist Association Michigan Special Use Permit to the next regular meeting on November 13, 2019 and recommend to the Zoning Administrator to notify Theravada Buddhist Association Michigan to cease and desist their activities that are inconsistent with use by rights for A-1 zoning district at this time.**

Ayes: Sabourin, Johnson, Brija, Holtz, Pray, Pisano and Bergamini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Approved: 7-0.

New Business:

Pray moved and Brija seconded to set Public Hearing for Unitech Laboratories of Michigan Special Use Permit for next regular meeting on November 13, 2019 starting at 7:00 pm. Carried 7-0.

A progress report was given on the Special Use Permit for Green Peak Industries, LLC. An annual review was conducted. **Bergamini moved and Johnson seconded to approve renewal of Green Peak Industries, LLC Special Use Permit for another year, as they have met requirements.**

Ayes: Bergamini, Pisano, Pray, Holtz, Brija, Johnson and Sabourin

Nays: None

Absent: None

Green Peak Industries, LLC Special Use Permit Renewal Approved: 7-0.

It was noted that the Planning Consultant was retained by the Board to revamp the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. There was a suggestion to form a committee to work with the Planning Consultant on this process. Discussion was held on simplifying the zoning categories. It was recommended prior to any committee being formed, a work plan be presented. Sections of the proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance will be introduced one at a time for review.

Hear Public present on any subject: None

With no further business **Chairperson Holtz adjourned the meeting.** Adjournment: 7:51 pm.

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk
Windsor Charter Township