

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2015

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER-

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL -

Commissioners Dykstra, Keppel, Smith, Woltjer, Tacoma, and DeHoog were present, as well as Planner Ransford. Commissioner Webster was absent with notice.

INVOCATION –

Chairperson Smith gave the invocation.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING -

Commissioner Dykstra made the motion, supported by Commissioner DeHoog, to approve the June 16, 2015 Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

Commissioner Tacoma made the motion, supported by Commissioner Woltjer, to approve the evening's agenda.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUSLY.

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING NON- AGENDA ITEMS -

None.

NEW BUSINESS -

****Public Hearings -**

*Jamesfield, Phase 4 – Tentative Preliminary Plat Application

*Jamesfield, Phase 4 – Variance Request

Chairperson Smith asked Planner Ransford if it would be appropriate to have one Public Hearing to deal with both issues, since they were so closely related. Mr. Ransford replied that it would be fine.

Commissioner Tacoma made the motion, supported by Commissioner DeHoog to open the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY.

Mick McGraw, of 1180 East Paris, presented a map of Jamesfield Plat, Phase 4, to the Commissioners, explaining that it had been gone over at least twice, that the requested variance

was quite minor, and asked for any further questions from the Planning Commission.

There were no questions from Commissioners or from the Jamestown Charter Township residents attending.

Commissioner DeHoog made the motion, supported by Commissioner Keppel, to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairperson Smith referred to a memorandum and asked Mr. McGraw if there were any trees over 6” in diameter on the land to be developed.

Mr. McGraw responded that he believed it was basically

corn fields, but could not commit himself regarding trees with total confidence.

Chairperson Smith asked about a bike path. Mr. Ransford replied that he was not sure, but as long as the Township Board approved, it would be okay.

Chairperson Smith then mentioned a letter from the Road Commission, pointed out that this was the Preliminary Plat Approval Application with a Variance Request, and asked Planner Ransford if there was anything new from Nate Vriesman, the Township Engineer.

Mr. Ransford replied that there was not. At this point, Commissioner Dykstra made the motion, supported by Commissioner Keppel, to approve the Jamesfield Tentative Preliminary Plat Application, Phase 4.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY.

Then, Commissioner Dykstra moved, supported by Commissioner DeHoog, to approve the Jamesfield, Phase 4 Variance Request.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS -

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Planner Ransford mentioned the email sent to the Commissioners regarding The Site Plan Review Committee's meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015. Also briefly noted was a revised application for Riley Crossings, a new development on the north side of Riley St. between 24th Ave. and 16th Ave.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENT -

Commissioner Keppel commented on the level of activity at the Water Park.

In answer to Commissioner Dykstra's question, Mr. Ransford explained that the Site Plan Review Committee's concerns, pertaining to “Riley Crossings” across from the Mobile Home Park, were being carefully addressed.

ADJOURNMENT -

Commissioner Keppel made the motion, supported by Commissioner Woltjer, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUSLY. TIME - 7:15 P.M.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY - Sandy VanAntwerp