

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2016**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. The Regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Jason Hofstede, Steve Boyd, Darrin Kimbler, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent: Jason Hofstede

Also Present: Jyl Renee Olson-DeRosso, (arrived 6:45) Alan Baron,(attended under public comment), Mary Segalin, Nick Mieloszyk

Public Comment: A citizen addressed the board on complaints with the current gravel pit ordinance. He asked the board to address prevention of complaints versus dealing with complaints. Excessive hauling in the Rooni Lane area, dust, noise, hours of operation were brought up. The maintenance of the roads used for hauling being the responsibility of the gravel pit operators and not a tax burden on the citizens. A copy of the gravel pit ordinance #50 was given to him and he was advised to attend the next meeting or write a letter to the Township Planning Commission on his concerns/complaints.

Al Baron updated the board on Wellhead Protection. Identifying and adding the Wellhead Protection area and adding it to the Master Plan was discussed. Ken Dillinger of UP Engineering will be working with the township on this.

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: Lahtinen requested that election of officers be added to the agenda. Kimbler requested to be recused from the RAF signage on the agenda due to his personal involvement in the issue. Motion by Kimbler, supported by Kafczynski, to accept the agenda with the additions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of December 17, 2015 minutes: Motion by Boyd, supported by Rohde to approve the December 17, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Motion by Boyd, seconded by Rohde, to nominate Jason Hofstede as Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairperson: Motion by Lynn, seconded by Lahtinen, to nominate Darrin Kimbler as Vice-Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Secretary: Motion by Rohde, seconded by Kafczynski, to nominate Sandy Lahtinen as secretary. All in favor. Motion carried.

RAF Signage: Kimbler answered questions in regard to a sign he would be posting on his property, supported by photos, and an aerial map on the location. Kimbler recused himself while the board discussed whether to approve the sign on his property. Motion by Rohde, seconded by Boyd, to allow Kimbler to post the sign on his property. All in favor. Motion carried.

Information on the Mobile Home Park on Lake Road, Charter Township of Ironwood Land Use Application, and Wellhead Protection Zone were distributed, discussed, and put on file.

A motion by Rohde, seconded by Kimbler, to hold a public hearing on April 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the township office and to have the clerk publish the Gravel Pit Permit Renewal Hearing Notice. A cover letter and application form has been sent to fourteen (14) pit operators. No other items will be addressed on the agenda unless a \$200.00 fee is paid for the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Letter from Steve Boyd in response to a letter written by the 4-H council was sent. (Attached) No response has been received.

Zoning Ordinance Update:

LeRoy Johnson distributed the latest updated Zoning document to board members. Kimbler volunteered to hand deliver the updated Zoning document to the township attorney and ask him to render a written opinion on it. Once the Planning Commission receives a written opinion from the township's attorney a public hearing will be set up.

Public Comment: Jyl Renee Olson-Derosso asked the board if they had received a letter that Nancy Nemachek had faxed to the township. A follow up call will be made to Nancy Nemachek by the secretary to have the letter refaxed or mailed as the board didn't receive the letter in time for the March 17th meeting.

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: Motion by Rohde, supported by Boyd to adjourn the meeting and schedule a public hearing to be held on April 14, 6:00 p.m. at the township hall, to consider gravel pit renewals. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary