

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting/Public Hearing  
June 16, 2016**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Absent:** Jason Hofstede

**Others Present:** Jyl Renee Olson-DeRosso, Alan Baron, Stacey Miller, Larry Grimsby, Steve Tiziani, Marvin LaGrew, Kathy Maki, David Ruotsala, Rachel Boyd, Chris Boyd, Mark McDonald, Mary Segalin, Bernie Brunello

**Public Comment:** (Non-Agenda Items Only – 5 minutes). None

**Additions and /or Approval of Agenda:** Vice – Chairman Darrin Kimbler served as chairman in Jason Hofstede’s absence. Request from Stacey Miller to be added to the agenda. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Boyd to add Stacey Miller to the agenda and approve the agenda as presented. All in favor.

**Purpose of Public Hearing:**

To consider text amendments to the Charter Township of Ironwood Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 53, including amendments and supplements to definitions, classification of zoning districts, adding or deleting permitted uses/special uses within a particular zoning districts, changing restrictions within a zoning district, adding new provisions: nonconforming uses, wind energy conversation systems, outdoor wood burning boilers and appliances, site plan review, and procedural changes:

Table of Contents		Article XI	Zoning Board of Appeals
Article I	Introduction-purpose	Article XII	Variances
Article II	Title Enacting Clause	Article XIII	Off-Street Parking
Article III	Definitions	Article XIV	(Un) Loading Space Requirements
Article IV	Zoning Districts	Article XV	Fences and Obscuring Walls
	R-1: Single Family Residential	Article XVI	Communication Towers
	TR-1: Residential Transition	Article XVII	Wind Energy Conversion Systems NEW
	R-2: Multi-family Residential	Article XVIII	Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers and Appliances NEW
	C: Commercial		
	I: Industrial	Article XIX	Construction Debris Disposal
	R.A.F.: Recreation, Agriculture and Forestry	Article XX	Site Plan Review NEW
Article V	Lands Fronting on Lake Superior	Article XXI	Administration
Article VI	Property Uses on Lakes and Streams	Article XXII	Building Permits
Article VII	Home Occupations	Article XXIII	Fees
Article VIII	Special Uses	Article XXIV	Ordinance Provision Validity
Article IX	Amendment Procedure	Article XXV	Nuisances
Article X	Continuance of Existing Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lot Dimensions NEW	Article XXVI	Open Space R-1 and TR-1 Zoning Areas
		Article XXVII	Adoption and Effective Date

**Open Public Hearing:** At 6:07 a motion to open the public hearing was made by Rhode, supported by Kafczynski, all in favor

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea:** Lynn, Kafczynski, Boyd, Rohde, Kimbler, Lahtinen

**Nay:** none

**Absent:** Hofstede

**Abstain:** none

**Correspondence from Zoning Administrator:** LeRoy Johnson (Zoning Administrator) said the newly improved zoning document was a product of the Planning Commission members and the public and gave it his approval. He thanked the public and the Planning commission for their support in his position as the zoning administrator.

**Correspondence from Residents:** (Written Material to be read by secretary): none

**Public Comment:** Agenda Items only, 5 minute limit (as called upon from Public Comment Sign in list): none

**Close Public Hearing:**

A motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:18 made by Boyd supported by Rhode. All in favor.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea:** Kafczynski, Lynn, Boyd, Rohde, Kimbler, Lahtinen

**Nay:** none

**Absent:** Hofstede

**Abstain:** none

Consider adopting the zoning document as presented, adopting zoning document as presented with amendments, deny zoning document as presented.

A motion made by Lahtinen supported by Lynn to adopt the zoning document as presented with no amendments. All in favor.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yea:** Kafczynski, Lynn, Boyd, Rohde, Kimbler, Lahtinen

**Nay:** none

**Absent:** Hofstede

**Abstain:** none

A motion by Lynn, seconded by Kafczynski, to have Boyd deliver the approved zoning document to the regular township board for their approval at the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** (5 minute limit), none

**Approval of May 19, 2016 minutes:** Motion by Boyd, supported by Rohde to approve minutes of May 19, 2016. All in favor.

**New Business:** Stacey Miller, Slade Road, Ironwood, MI addressed the board on a complaint filed against companies operated by Ruotsala and Tiziani. The chairman requested that the secretary read the complaint for the record. The complaint for excessive use of jake brakes, hauling, noise, dust, and operation beyond hours of operation as stated in Ordinance 50 was addressed. (Past 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016, and Sunday, May 22, 2016.) Mr. Miller gave the board copies of time sheets and a copy of a letter from a resident who lived on the end of Maple Lane (Attached). The zoning administrator investigated the complaint and the matter has been resolved.

**Old Business:** Lynn commented on how pleased he was with the zoning administrator's performance and reports the board received from him. Motion by Boyd, seconded by Rohde to place the zoning administrator's logs on file. Motion carried.

**Public Comment: (5 minute limit)** Per Tiziani's request the 5 minute public comment time was lifted. Tiziani explained his business and said he had a variance to operate and haul out on Sunday. Boyd requested that any variances be included when the board approves the permits for pits. The chairman requested a copy of the variance to operate on Sunday to be brought to the board to put on file. Ruotsala discussed his business, dust control, and hours of operation. He asked for an explanation on burning and fireman's policy and why the sheriff was called when a burn ban was lifted.

**Schedule Next Meeting/Adjournment:** Motion by Rhode, supported by Lahtinen to schedule the next meeting for September 15 at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

---

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

---

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary