

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission
Special Meeting/ Public Hearing
April 16, 2015**

Call To Order: 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Newberry called the Regular Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Bob Lynn-Vice Chair, Jason Hofstede-Secretary, Faith Newberry-Chairperson, Darrin Kimbler (All present)

Absent: Steve Boyd

Also Present: Jyl Olson-DeRosso, Bernie Brunello, Cecilia Pisco, Steve Tiziani, William Suvanto, Mark Suvanto, Kim Pelkola, Kevin Lyons, Sandy Lahtinen, Katie Saber, Gary Morzenti

Public Comment: None.

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: A Motion was by Lynn supported Kafczynski to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes by Lynn supported by Kimbler. The motion carried.

Purpose of Special Meeting:

Public Hearing to consider renewals of Sand and Gravel Pit applications

Open Public Hearing: A motion by Kimbler supported by Rohde to open the Public Hearing on Sand and Gravel Pit Conditional Use renewals.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kimbler, Rohde, Lynn, Hofstede, Newberry, Kafczynski

Communications Received:

(Attached)

#1 Katie Saber

#2 Stan and Sue Carr

Public Comment:

Cecilia Pisco questioned her pit application on Vanderhagen Road and had questions regarding reclamation and restoration of the berm.

Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by Kimbler supported by Lynn to close the Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kimbler, Lynn, Hofstede, Newberry, Kafczynski, Rohde

A Motion was made Kafczynski supported by Rohde to approve Sand and Gravel Pit permits as follows:

1. Howard Niemi/ Corner of Hedberg and Pit Lane
2. Steve Tiziani/ Lake Road
3. William Suvanto/ Airport Road
4. Angelo Luppino/ Pit Road
5. Jeff Wieneri/ Junet Road
6. Dean Pearson/ Partridge Lane
7. Steiger Timber/ Stone Road
8. Toni Suutala/ Vanderhagen Road

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kimbler, Lynn, Hofstede, Newberry, Kafczynski, Rohde
All yes. The motion carried.

A Motion was made by Kimbler supported by Lynn to postpone approval on 3 applications until questions can be answered:

1. Ruotsala/ Keweenaw Land Association Pit
2. Bratu/ North Star Pit
3. Pisco/ Vanderhagen Pit

All ayes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Lynn supported by Kimbler to add discussion of blight to the meeting.
All ayes. The motion carried.

As Zoning Administrator Saari could not attend the meeting and the Planning Commission had numerous questions, they decided to discuss the issue at the next meeting along with the gravel pits in question.

A motion was made by Kafczynski supported by Lynn to have Zoning Administrator Saari or Attorney McDonald at the next meeting to answer questions regarding the blight portion of the draft Zoning Ordinance. All ayes. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

A citizen commented on the blight portion of the draft Zoning Ordinance and potential complications.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Lynn supported by Rohde to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion carried.

Faith Newberry, Chair

Jason Hofstede, Secretary