

MINUTES

Cascade Charter Township Planning Commission
Monday, May 06, 2013
7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. Chairman Sperla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members Present: Hammond, Lewis, Mead, Pennington, Robinson, Sperla,
Waalkes , Williams
Members Absent: McCarthy, Robinson, excused.
Others Present: Planning Director Steve Peterson

ARTICLE 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

ARTICLE 3. Approve the current Agenda.

Motion was made by Member Lewis to approve the Agenda. Support by Member Mead. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Member Waalkes to approve the Minutes. Support by Member Williams. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items

Chairman Sperla asked if anyone wished to speak to a non-agenda item. None of the visitors present spoke to a non-agenda item.

**ARTICLE 6. Case #12-3129 Township Initiated Rezoning
Public Hearing**

Property Address:	5610 Kraft	5620 Kraft	5640 Kraft
	5680 Kraft	5687 Kraft	5700 Kraft
	5784 Kraft	5824 Kraft	5844 Kraft
	5880 Kraft	5950 Kraft	5980 Kraft
	5905 Kraft	5981 Kraft	5737 60 th St
	5795 60 th St		

Requested Action: To rezone approximately 80 acres from ARC, Agricultural Rural Conservation to TI, Transitional Industrial.

Planner Peterson to come forward for staff comments. The rezoning is being initiated by the Township to assist our economic development efforts in this area. after the Township Board agreed to help fund the sewer/water improvements and the KCRC improving the road the Township Board wanted the area ready for development. One way to help is to provide the rezoning. We have discussed this project many times with the neighbors and they have been noticed for this rezoning.

The property is being rezoning to TI, Transitional Industrial from ARC, Agricultural Rural Conservation. This is a relatively new zoning district that we developed. It allows a few more uses than straight industrial. The TI district is also consistent with the Meadowbrooke PUD which is adjacent to this area.

Member Hammond asked if we have received interest in the development of this area. Peterson indicated that we have.

Member Lewis asked if this was in the area of the new buffalo farm. Peterson stated that it is not. The buffalo farm is on the east side of the Thornapple River Dr.

Member Pennington asked if any comments were received. Peterson indicated that we had not received any public comment.

Motion by Lewis supported by Meade to go into public hearing. With no comment a motion approved. Motion was made by Waalkes and supported by Williams to close public hearing, motion approved.

Chair Sperla asked when this would be in front of the Township Board. Peterson indicated probably in June.

Motion by Lewis and support by Meade to recommend approval of the rezoning from ARC to TI.

- Article 9. Any other business.
Peterson reminded the Commission that the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 28. Chairperson Sperla asked anyone who could not make it to make sure to notify Peterson.
- Article 10. Adjournment