

MINUTES
Cascade Charter Township Planning Commission
Monday, October 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.

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

ARTICLE 2. Chairman Waalkes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ARTICLE 3. Approve the current Agenda.

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

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2011 Meeting.

Motion was made by Member McCarthy to approve the Minutes as presented. Support by Member Sperla. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Proposed Capital Improvement Plan
Consider Resolution for Capital Improvement Plan

Chairman Waalkes explained that the Capital Improvement Plan is put together by the Township Staff to budget and to look at all major capital expenditures over the next six years. It requires Planning Commission approval.

Planning Director Steve Peterson added that it requires a resolution. CIP is a budgeting tool for the Township and it will assist the Township in making decisions for improvements to its roads, parks, utilities and public buildings.

Member Sperla asked about a couple of things that were not on the list; one being the two new parks and secondly a possible farmers market. The Planner explained that the two new parks didn't need anything major added to what has already been done. The farmers market is a possible DDA project and could be added after the DDA completes their update.

Member Lewis suggested adding, under road fund, work that needs to be done on Burton Street from Spaulding to over the expressway. The Planner said that has been a concern for several years and unless the Township is going to pay for the project it would be better for the Township Board to encourage MDOT to

include the bridge over I-96 since that is what has delayed the KCRC from completing this section of Burton St.

Chairman Waalkes asked about the outdoor warning sirens. Peterson explained that there would be additional neighborhood sirens added gradually.

Member Hammond and Member Logue had questions and concerns over the possible Cascade Road roundabout that the DDA is considering.

Member Sperla made a Motion to adopt the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan for Cascade Charter Township and that it be forwarded to the Township Board for their adoption as well. Support by Member Williams.

The roll call vote is as follows:

Williams, yes

Logue, no

Waalkes, yes

Sperla, yes

McCarthy, yes

Hammond, yes

Lewis, yes

ARTICLE 6: Case #11-3033 Zoning Amendment: Keeping of Farm Animals in Residential Zone – Section 4.11

(From the table of August 15, 2011)

Member Lewis made a Motion to remove the case from the table. Support by Member Hammond. Motion carried.

Planner Peterson stated that based on the public hearing, evaluating other similar regulations and the planning member's previous discussions he recommends that no changes be made to the regulations. He also recommends that the Township Board is informed that no changes are needed.

Chairman Waalkes, Member Sperla, Member Lewis voiced agreement with the Planner.

Member Lewis made a Motion that we make no changes to our regulations relative to farm animals in the residential zones. Support by Members Logue and McCarthy. With no further discussion, Motion carried.

Chairman Waalkes summarized by stating that the recommendation to the Township Board is to keep the existing Zoning Ordinance the same regarding farm animals in the residential zone.

ARTICLE 7: Any other business:

Proposed dates for 2012 planning meetings

ARTICLE 8: Adjournment

**Motion was made by Member Williams to adjourn. Support by Member Lewis.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Al Pennington, Secretary

Carol M. Meyer, Planning Administrative Assistant