

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The Planning Commission of Zeeland Charter Township met in the Township Hall at 7pm on October 13, 2020. Members present: Ron Brink, Don Steenwyk, Steve Nelson, Dennis Russcher, Karen Kreuze, Dick Geerlings, Bruce Knoper, Robert Brower and Tim Miedema. Also attending: Kirk Scharphorn Jr, PCI Building and Zoning Administrator.

Chairman Knoper called the meeting to order. Motion made and supported to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

**Old Business**

1. **SPECIAL USE** – Todd Stuve, Exxel Engineering, returned, along with representatives from the OCRC (Director, Attorney, Board Member) to review the request from the Ottawa County Road Commission for a special use permit for soil removal from Parcel #70-17-29-100-010. The County Road Commission submitted two documents, as requested last month. The first was an independent traffic study from Progressive AE addressing vehicle and pedestrian safety on 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., and the second was an additional letter from the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner addressing the concerns about the effect mining would have on the lake in Highland View subdivision.

The Commission also received three documents from citizen Marty Landes responding to and disputing the OCRC's findings regarding the water, traffic study and addressing endangered species. Chairman Knoper asked the members if the Township attorney should review all the documents for the protection of the Township. The OCRC attorney argued that the items disputed by Mr. Landes are not for this board to determine, those items will be addressed by the state permits. The County will consider filing a takings against the Township if the special use permit is not approved.

Motion by Kreuze, supported by Geerlings to send all the documents to the Township attorney for his review. **Motion Carried.**

No public comment was taken.

2. **ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATES** - Review of Sign Ordinance changes as part of the Master Plan update, presented by Janis Johnson from Main Street Planning. The PC began reviewing updates to our current sign ordinances. Review to be completed at the next meeting.

Moved, supported, and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Katy Steenwyk, Recording Secretary  
Karen Kreuze, Secretary