

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

The Planning & Zoning Commission of Zeeland Charter Township met in the township hall at 7pm on December 13, 2016. Members present: Bruce Knoper, Dick Geerlings, Karen Kreuze, Tim Miedema, Don Steenwyk, and Robert Brower. Absent: Dennis Russcher. Also attending was Building Administrator, Don Mannes.

Chairman Knoper called the meeting to order. Moved by Miedema, supported by Geerlings to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.

REZONING REQUEST –BLUE WATER MANAGEMENT, LLC Chairman Knoper opened the public hearing for the rezoning request from Blue Water Management LLC. Mr. Ralph Carle, 4300 48th Avenue, opposed to the rezoning. He stated there are already a number of storage units in the area. Mr. Matthew Weeda & Ms. Sarah Weeda, 4295 48th Avenue spoke in opposition to the rezoning, stating the area is best suited for agriculture and there is plenty commercial zoned property along Chicago Drive. Mr. Bill Aukeman questioned why the unusual shape of the adjoining property. He asked if there would be any control as to the number of drive access from 48th. Also feels the property is better suited for Agriculture due to the lay of the land.

Moved by Kreuze, supported by Miedema to close the public hearing. Motion Carried. Commissioner Kreuze stated the traffic at 48th Avenue and M-121 is really heavy. She asked how many storage units are being planned. Building Administrator Mannes responded “the site plan shows 2 buildings”. Chairman Knoper asked for a traffic study? Commissioner Steenwyk stated the road is narrow and the ditch along 48th is extremely deep, a dangerous situation. Moved by Knoper, supported by Miedema to recommend the rezoning of Parcel #70-17-01-200-049 from Agriculture to Commercial. Reason: It is in the Master Plan. Roll call vote. Five Ayes. One Nay. Absent: Russcher. Motion Carried.

SITE PLAN REVIEW – 48TH AVE. STORAGE BUILDINGS Moved by Commissioner Brower, supported by Commissioner Geerlings to table the site plan review for additional information. Motion Carried.

Discussion re: “Barn used for Social Functions”. No action taken.

Moved, supported and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary
Karen Kreuze, Secretary