

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
JULY 10, 2018**

The Planning & Zoning Commission of Zeeland Charter Township met in the township hall at 7pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Members present: Bruce Knoper, Bob Brower, Dick Geerlings, Karen Kreuze, Tim Miedema, Steve Nelson, and Don Steenwyk; absent: Ron Brink and Dennis Russcher. Also attending, Building & Zoning Administrator Don Mannes.

Chairman Knoper called the meeting to order. Moved by Nelson , supported by Kreuze to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. Moved by Miedema, supported by Kreuze to approve the minutes of the June 21, special meeting. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING Chairman Knoper opened the public hearing for the rezoning request from Brad Pugh for the property at 2433 Air Park Dr., Parcel #70-17-14-300-047. Mr. Brad Pugh and Mr. Randy Pugh were present to represent the request for the rezoning from Agriculture to R-1 Residential. No citizen present for comment. Moved by Nelson, supported by Steenwyk to close the public hearing. **Motion Carried.** Moved by Brower, supported by Geerlings to recommend the rezoning of Parcel #70-17-14-300-047 from Agriculture to R-1 Residential. It is adjacent to Residential zoned properties. All Ayes. Roll Call Vote-MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW OF SUGGESTED SURVEY QUESTIONS (attached)

Questions #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 accepted as written in the suggested survey questions prepared by MainStreet Planning Company.

Following changes made-----

Question #3 – If you are a resident, please tell us generally where you live:

North of Byron Rd South of Byron Rd & East of 72nd Ave West of 72nd Ave

Question #8-Sidewalks should be in platted residential subdivisions in Zeeland Charter Township, and also occur in residential site condominium developments.

Yes No

New question #9-Would you be in favor of construction sidewalks along major roadways outside platted subdivisions and site condominium developments, as well as within commercial areas, office parks, and industrial parks, to provide pedestrian connections between land uses, and to provide residents and employees with walking and jogging routes?

Yes No

Question #11-Would you be willing to pay additional Township levied millage for these recreational facilities?

____ Yes

____ No

Moved, supported and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary

Karen Kreuze, Secretary

ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN 2018
SUGGESTED SURVEY QUESTIONS
Prepared by MainStreet Planning Company
7-10-2018

Zeeland Charter Township is in the process of updating the 2014 Master Land Use Plan. The Planning Commission and the Township Board are seeking your opinions on a variety of topics related to land use and community development. Your responses to the survey will be used to create goals and action steps for the Township. **Please complete the survey no later than (probably Friday, August 3, 2018).** Zeeland Township officials thank you for completing the survey. Your input is valuable!

1. You are a:

Resident or property owner of Zeeland Charter Township

Not a resident or property owner of Zeeland Charter Township

2. Age of respondent:

18-34 35-44 45-64 65+

3. If you are a resident, please tell us generally where you live:

North of Riley Street; or south of Riley Street but east of 80th Avenue

South of Riley Street and west of 80th Avenue

4. Why do you live in Zeeland Charter Township? (Choose all that apply)

Quality of schools

Nearby employment including agriculture related business

Rural atmosphere

Suburban atmosphere

Nearby small-town atmosphere

Family ties

Friendship group

5. What is your opinion of the future of land use and development in Beaverdam, Vriesland, and Drenthe?

A new zoning district should be created which allows a mix of uses such residential and commercial to develop on lot sizes which reflect the historic character of the areas, but which does not impose excessive regulations.

The areas should remain primarily as they currently are, with future development occurring through rezoning to existing zoning districts if needed.

6. The purpose of the R-1 Rural Residential District is to provide for non-farm, low density residential land use, among other uses. Minimum lot sizes are currently 15,000 square feet, with 100 feet of lot width required (see illustration). Would you favor a reduction in lot width to 90 feet, with a minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet for lots in the R-1 District? (see illustration)

(insert illustrations)

Yes, I favor the change from 100 feet of lot width to 90 feet of lot width

No, I prefer to keep the minimum lot width of 100 feet

7. Certain types of neighborhoods may appeal to young families, early career individuals, and empty nesters. These neighborhoods may consist of smaller lots for detached housing; attached condominium (owner occupied) or rental units; neighborhood parks; sidewalks; and front porches. (See illustration.) In general, would you favor this type of neighborhood in a suitable location in Zeeland Charter Township?

(insert illustration)

Yes, I favor this type of development in suitable locations

No, I do not favor this type of development in the Township

8. Sidewalks are required in platted residential subdivisions in Zeeland Charter Township, and also occur in residential site condominium developments. Would you be in favor of constructing sidewalks along major roadways outside platted subdivisions and site condominium developments, as well as within commercial areas, office parks, and industrial parks, to provide pedestrian connections between land uses, and to provide residents and employees with walking and jogging routes? (Note: sidewalks differ from off-road trails and bike routes in that they are more suitable for walkers with young

children, those pushing strollers, very young children on bikes, those who prefer to walk or jog on a route not frequented by bicyclists, and older residents.)

Yes, I favor construction of sidewalks in locations outside residential developments

No, I prefer the current sidewalk policy of the Township

9. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that in order to be eligible for grants offered through the State for both land acquisition and development of recreation facilities, communities must prepare a Parks and Recreation Plan that must be updated every five years. Guidelines for preparing the Parks and Recreation Plan are provided by the State. Zeeland Charter Township does not currently have a Parks and Recreation Plan. Are you in favor of Zeeland Charter Township preparing a Parks and Recreation Plan?

Yes, I favor the Township preparing a Parks and Recreation Plan

No, I do not favor the Township preparing a Parks and Recreation Plan

10. From the following list, which types of additional recreation facilities would you like to see in Zeeland Charter Township? Please choose your top four preferred facilities.

dog park

non-motorized pathways

parks (active and passive)

playgrounds accessible for children of all abilities

ice skating

soccer fields

baseball/softball fields

flexible practice/playing fields for lacrosse, football, etc.

basketball courts

disc golf

pickle ball courts