

MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MARCH 1, 2010  
REVISED

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Ransford called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Planning Commission to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Taylor, LaMourie, French, Ralya, Williams, Ransford, Worthington, Zambetis, Redick (arrived @ 7:45p.m.)

Members absent: None

Also present: Community Development Director Waterman, Attorney Bultje and Recording Secretary Adsit

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by** Worthington supported by Ralya to approve the amended minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting. **Which motion carried.**

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING (7:35 – 8:00p.m.)

A. Zoning Text Amendment – Keeping of Chickens

Nancy Hoffmeyer, 15593 Fillmore, West Olive, MI 49460, was present and stated that chicken coops were made of wood and wire and are not meant to be very stylish.

Chuck Fidelman, 13675 Bittersweet Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417, was present and stated that Grand Haven Township was a township that did things right for its residents and that this was, after all, a rural community and therefore the keeping of chickens should be an option should anyone want to.

B. Zoning Text Amendment – Temporary Accessory Buildings

Waterman gave an overview of his memo dated February 15, 2010.

The Board members were mainly concerned about the materials that would be used for the chicken coops and the amount of acreage required to keep chickens.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Text Amendment – Keeping of Chickens

The Board discussed various materials that could be used for the chicken coops and the amount of acreage needed to have chickens. They came to the conclusion that the proposed amendment needed to have more specific wordage pertaining to materials used and could possibly make reference to the definition of rubbish in the anti-littering ordinance. The commissioners also discussed the possibility of increasing the minimum acreage requirement from ½ acre to ¾ acre. They decided to table the amendment for further consideration.

**Motion by Worthington and supported by Ralya to table until further review. Which motion carried.**

B. Zoning Text Amendment – Temporary Accessory Buildings

Waterman gave an overview of this amendment. No public comments were made. After discussion on this ordinance by the Commissioners, the following motion was offered.

**Motion by Chairman Redick and supported by Ralya to recommend approval of the proposed zoning text amendment relating to temporary accessory structures as drafted (draft dated 2/12/10). Which motion carried.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report

None.

B. Staff Report

None.

C. Other

None.

XI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by LaMourie and supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting. Which motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Adsit  
Recording Secretary