

MEETING MINUTES  
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

LaMourie called the meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Planning Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: LaMourie, Taylor, Kieft, Wilson, Hesselsweet, and Wagenmaker

Members absent: Cousins, Chalifoux, and Reenders

Also present: Community Development Director Fedewa

**Without objection**, LaMourie instructed Fedewa to record the minutes.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Without objection**, the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Port Sheldon Township – Notice of Adopted Master Plan
- Village of Spring Lake – Notice of Intent to Develop New Master Plan

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance – Special Land Use Chapter

LaMourie opened the public hearing at 7:05pm.

Fedewa provided an overview through a memorandum dated August 30<sup>th</sup>.

There being no public comments, LaMourie closed the hearing at 7:06pm.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance – Special Land Use Chapter

**Motion** by Kieft, supported by Wagenmaker, to recommend to the Township Board **approval** of the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance to revise the Special Land Use Chapter of the Grand Haven Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.  
**Which motion carried unanimously.**

IX. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report – None

B. Staff Report

- Welcome Brock Hesselsweet to Planning Commission and ZBA.
- Attorney Bultje has joined the law firm Dickinson Wright. The previous firm opted out of providing legal services for the municipal law sector.
- The next Zoning Ordinance Update Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the Main Conference Room.

C. Other

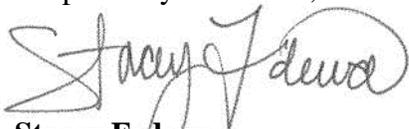
- Wagenmaker expressed a desire to update the Private Road and Driveway Ordinance as well as reconsider the need for requiring double lot frontage on main thoroughfares.
  - Questioned why McKenna Associates is unable to include the Private Road and Driveway Ordinance in the Zoning Ordinance update project.
    - Fedewa explained Private Road and Driveway Ordinance is not part of the Zoning Ordinance, and is outside the scope of the Township’s contract with McKenna. If desired, a supplemental contract can be executed after the Zoning Ordinance update is complete.
  - Believes a study must be conducted to determine if the double lot frontage requirement is necessary. Does not believe it has been beneficial to the community and only limits property rights.
- Taylor noted the recent City Council meeting included a presentation from Grand Valley State University who conducted a “people counting” study in the summer of 2016. The study found 2.2 million people visited Grand Haven during that time, and in general the visitors were “highly satisfied” with their experience.
- LaMourie noted how quickly the Speedway project has been constructed.
- Wilson provided an update on his potential development projects in the area, including the land adjacent to the Speedway project.

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Without objection**, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Stacey Fedewa**  
Acting Recording Secretary