

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 7, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Redick called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Wilson, Redick, French, Taylor, LaMourie, Kantrovich, and Ralya.

Members absent: Worthington, Robertson

Also present: Attorney Bultje, Cargo and LeBlanc (*from LSL Planning*)

Redick requested that Cargo record the meeting minutes.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection the minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting were approved.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Redick opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. regarding the proposed ordinance that would create an I-1A Corridor Industrial zoning district.

There were no comments from the public.

Redick closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Redick noted that the amendments proposed at the previous Planning Commission meeting had been incorporated into the current draft. Further, if the proposed ordinance is approved by the Township Board, the Master Plan will need to be amended and the identified parcels will need to be rezoned.

Motion by Kantrovich, supported by Wilson to recommend approval to the Township Board of the proposed ordinance creating an "I-1A Corridor Industrial District" and amending Chapter 19 providing for an additional SLU within the proposed I-1A district. **Which motion carried.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. LeBlanc presented a draft containing amendments to the sign regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. The Committee requested that the following changes be incorporated into the second draft.
- Include updated language into the SLU section of the Zoning Ordinance continuing the ban on “electronic” billboards;
 - The language in 24.09a regarding “off-premise signs” will be re-drafted.
 - Define the term instantaneous (*i.e., 0.3 seconds*);
 - Research the duration time of messages boards that are located in residential areas (*e.g., churches, schools, etc.*).
 - Amend the NCU chapter to expressly state that nonconforming signs (*including billboards*) cannot be upgraded so as to become a digital sign.
 - Discussion was held on the spacing requirements. No change was made.
 - Wall signs on commercial buildings will be modified from one per street frontage to one per street frontage with the option of substituting a street frontage wall sign for a parking lot frontage wall sign.

Staff was instructed to make the proposed changes and place the amendments into an ordinance format for a final review at the May 21st Planning Commission meeting.

X. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report

None.

B. Staff Report

Cargo noted that Roger DeHoek (*i.e., the manager at the Meijer Store*) will be at the April 21st Planning Commission meeting to present additional data regarding the safety of a previously proposed drive-through pharmacy.

C. Other

Both Taylor and Wilson will be absent from the next meeting.

XI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Cargo
Acting Recording Secretary