

TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
MAY 28, 2019

7:00 PM Marv Bennink called the meeting to order

Members Present: Matt Fenske, Curt Rypma, Marv Bennink, Dave Hanko, Dick Temple, Joel Terpstra

Members Absent: Vacant Seat

Also Present: Greg Ransford, Donna Dykstra, Toby Van Ess

Agenda:

Matt Fenske motioned to approve the agenda, Dick Temple seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Matt Fenske provided a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 23, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Curt Rypma seconded and it carried unanimously.

Non-Agenda Items: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

Master Plan

Greg Ransford stated: reviewed the proposed revisions to Chapter One, Chapter Three and Chapter Eight.

Toby Van Ess: Stated increasing the utility boundaries should be proceeded with caution, due to the fact that the size of the district affects the rates the township pays. Tallmadge has one of the highest rates because of the growth on the NW side of town.

When we put in the lift stations, Tallmadge funded the Hayes location. Lake Michigan Drive was developer funded. Tallmadge isn't interested in funding new lift station. All bonds are paid up for lift stations. Lifts on Leonard and 8th are made to handle capacity.

Joel Terpstra: asked how can we promote water/sewer as a planning stand point? Could we waive fees for people that have hook ups in close proximity?

General consensus from the Planning Commission is an urban boundary needs to be drawn for future development to hook up to sewer and water, concentrate growth, and preserve agricultural and rural character.

Greg Ransford: stated he will work on an urban boundary from 8th Ave. from Hayes to the commercial line is the growth area for water/sewer, and modify the language to indicate urban growth boundary.

Toby Van Ess: state he will check on the impact of utility service boundary increasing.

Planning Commission Comments: None

Joel Terpstra motioned to adjourn, Dick Temple seconded and it carried unanimously.

8:10 PM Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl King
Administrative Assistant