

Tallmadge Charter Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
June 24, 2025
6:00PM

6:00pm: Curt Rypma called the meeting to order. Present: Joel Terpstra, Curt Rypma, David Hanko, Joe Grochowalski, Matt Fenske and Marv Bennink. Also present; Greg Ransford Planner, and 1 member of the public. Absent: Erin Hill

Approval of the agenda was motioned by Marv Bennink, Matt Fenske seconded, and it carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting was motioned by Matt Fenske, seconded by Marv Bennink, and it carried unanimously.

Non-agenda item inquiries:

Judy Grochowalski-2464 Leonard St. Comment about chickens. References Hudsonville plats with property sized of about .25 acres, and they allow the keeping of chickens, and how it has not been a problem. States land size should not prohibit the keeping of chickens.

New Business

- Text Amendments
 - o Outdoor Storage in Commercial Districts

Greg Ransford takes the floor to discuss the first draft language for outdoor storage. Discussion among Commissioners and Greg Ransford. Discussion about the size of storage that should be allowed. Commissioners agree with all except for section E, regarding the size. Commissioners agree they would like to see outdoor space limited to 50% of the primary building size. Discussion about the style and type of fence and gate material requirements.

- o Keeping of Animals – Chickens

Greg Ransford takes the floor to address the language regarding the keeping of chickens. Discussion of parcel size requirements among Greg Ransford and Commissioners. Agreement to update the language to change the minimum parcel size to 1.5 acres with 6 chickens allowed. Then 1 additional chicken per ¼ acre increase, which follows the current formula calculation.

- Site Plans
 - o Tallmadge Charter Township
 - Park bathroom building

Greg Ransford explains the nature of this project, and how review of the Commissioners is requested. Joel Terpstra explains the desire for this structure. It will be placed near the pickleball

courts and pavilion. Will install septic and drain field. It will be a modular type structure, rather than stick and mortar style to keep the project at a reasonable cost.

Matt Fenske motions to approve the site plan, Marv Bennink seconds and it carries unanimously.

Old Business

- None

Planning Commission Comment: Joe Grochowalski – Asks if there should there be a maximum of chickens allowed? A general answer is no.

A motion for adjournment by Joel Terpstra and seconded by Dave Hanko and carried unanimously at 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Bosch