


<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b><u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u></b>  <b>Regular Meeting</b>   <b>Thursday, October 15, 2015</b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b>   <b>MINUTES</b> </p>	<p> <b>MINUTES</b>  Page 1 of 2  <b>APPROVED:</b>  </p>
<p> <b>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Frank Fiala.</b>   <b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>   <b><u>Roll Call:</u> Present: Fiala, Beukema, Purcell, Heystek, Strickland, Campbell and T. Knowles.</b>   <b><u>Also present:</u> Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner</b>   <b><u>Staff Present:</u> Zoning Administrator- Larry Knowles, Sandy Marcukaitis, Mark Englerth</b>   <b><u>Visitors:</u> 6 (not including staff present).</b> </p>	<p> <b>PLEDGE</b>  <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  <b>ROLL CALL</b> </p>
<p> <b>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</b>  Fiala requested addition of Notice of Intent notifications information for the Master Plan.   <b>BOARD REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES</b>  <b><u>ZBA-</u> There was no October ZBA meeting.</b>  <b><u>Board of Trustees-</u> Bruce Campbell commented on the Article XII being passed unanimously by the Board. October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is re-scheduled meeting for Facilities of YS Twp. at 6 p.m.</b> </p>	<p> <b>CHANGES TO AGENDA:</b>   <b>BOARD REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES</b> </p>
<p> <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> None</b> </p>	<p> <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> </p>
<p> <b><u>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:</u></b>  Motion by B. Campbell with support from R. Beukema to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015 meeting as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. </p>	<p> <b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</b> </p>
<p> <b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b>  <b><u>Opening of Public Hearing at 7:10 pm:</u></b>   <b><u>Public Hearing on Neeson ZOC 15-09-01 (Zoning Ordinance Change)</u></b>   Richard Neeson commented on his request for Parcel ID 08-16-008-036-60 to rezone a portion of the 10.49 acres at 819 Arhana Crest Dr. from the current zone of Rural/Agriculture Zoning district to a proposed zone of Rural Residential Zoning District per Article XIX, of the Yankee Springs Zoning Ordinance. Discussion took place. Future plans of a pole barn were mentioned by the current owner. The future owner sketched out his future plans. </p>	

While sketching the plans, the Planning Commission took this time to discuss notification of Master Plan Update procedures to local adjoining municipalities. (Notification of Intent).

Back to Zoning change/request: Dimensions were needed. Mr. Neeson and the future owner (Mike Matison) left the meeting to get the dimensions that the Planning Commission needs to make a decision.

**Master Planning Class was attended by Sandy Marcukaitis and Tressa Knowles. (Barry County Master Planning Class)**

T. Knowles gave a report regarding the class.

**Re-Open zoning request at 8:10 pm**

It was determined that R. Neeson will get dimensions needed from the surveyor.

**Motion by G. Purcell support from R. Beukema to table Mr. Neeson's request to the next Planning Commission Meeting. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Master Plan Update Strategy**

The PC started going thru the 2014 draft of the Land Use Plan which has been re-edited by Cathy Strickland. Updates and corrections were reviewed. A large section was covered in tonight's meeting.

PC members took this time to voice their thoughts and ideas on what should be in the Master Plan- including:

- Fire Service (Possible Change)
- Casino's New Administrative Facility
- Non-Motorized Trails Proposal
- M-37 Corridor Stand Alone Zoning
- M-179 Heritage Route
- Gun Lake Access & Clean Off Boats

Discussion occurred on how to proceed with the Master Plan Update.

**For next meeting:** (November 19, 2015) Rebecca Harvey will be making contact with McKenna to obtain the electronic version of the original master plan. Charts will be forwarded to R. Harvey via C. Strickland.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

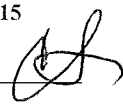
Chairman Fiala brought the meeting to a close at 9:55 p.m.

Approved by: Cathy Strickland 11-19-2015  
Cathy Strickland, Planning Commission Secretary Date

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary  
October 15, 2015