


**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015
Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333**

MINUTES

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APPROVED:


4/16/15

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Frank Fiala.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Present: Beukema, Cunningham, Strickland, Campbell and Fiala.

Absent: P. Heystek and G. Purcell will join the meeting via phone.

Absent: Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator- Larry Knowles, Sandy Marcukaitis

Visitors: 0 (not including staff present).

**PLEDGE
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

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AGENDA: None**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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BOARD/ZBA and ZA REPORTS:

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L. Knowles, ZA: Previous ZBA decision for removal of enclosed deck discussed. Removal has been made as requested by ZBA. Removal is not to complaintant's satisfaction. Also, there are three possible ZBA requests for April. Parking lot at Sam's Joint mentioned for zoning. Oakleigh Drive on North side near Sandy's Kitchen mentioned regarding cut down trees.

R. Beukema, ZBA: No ZBA meeting in March.

B. Campbell, Board of Trustees: Fire Meeting set for April 1st (changed from March 31st) and Trails Meeting has been moved to April 23rd. Both meetings are at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

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MINUTES:**

Motion by Beukema with support from Campbell to accept Planning Commission Meeting minutes of February 19, 2015 meeting as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of Feb. 19, 2015 approved.

*C. Strickland commented on getting a copy of approved minutes without draft watermark on them. It was noted that after the minutes are approved, the minutes will be printed with changes (if amended) and with the "DRAFT" watermark removed. Either Deb or Sandy will print off the approved copy at the current meeting. The copy will go to Cathy Strickland to sign. After signed, the final copy will go to Marge VanderMeyden in the office for township records.

**Paul Heystek & Greg Purcell joined the meeting via telephone at 7:10 p.m.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Article XII/Guest Quarters discussion: Round table discussion occurred regarding thoughts of Planning Commissioners on "Guest Quarters" in Article XII.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS:

- I. Discussion of Master Plan Update- Michigan Planner (a publication of the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association) was distributed to all PC members prior to the meeting.
- It was noted that the Plan was a five-year requirement. (Cathy has updated the most current plan with census figures.)
 - M-37 Alliance was discussed.
 - Zoning Map Update discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Next Meeting:

- Article XII/Guest Quarters, Master Plan and funneling.
- Discussed Future Land Use – reviewing by quarters of the map.
- C. Strickland will get information regarding census and the Master Plan to PC members. (Hard copies were distributed by end of meeting).

8:22 p.m. Heystek and Purcell left the meeting (via telephone). Both should be present for the April PC meeting.

It was noted that R. Harvey should be advised of the ZBA meeting on April 14, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Chairman Fiala brought the meeting to a close at 8:32 p.m.

Approved by: *Cathy Strickland* *4/16/15*
Cathy Strickland, Planning Commission Secretary Date

Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary
March 19, 2015