

**DEWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. HERBISON ROAD, DeWITT, MI
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gobbo.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by those present.

ROLL CALL by Secretary Smelker.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Gobbo, Bruce Keilen, Kim Smelker, Jason Flower, Mike Nolen, Greg White, Terrie Shively and Trustee Ross.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

VACANCY: One.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Flower moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **White moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Regular Meeting. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Request for Special Use Permit 07-990003 from Motz Development, Inc.,** to be allowed to construct a single tennis court to service the Crowner Farms residents for day use only, located on the west side of Murano Drive, across from the Crowner Farms Subdivision Community Center, near the entrance on Howe Road, in the southwest ¼ of Section 6 of DeWitt Charter Township.

White moved to receive and set for a Public Hearing Request for Special Use Permit 07-990003 from Motz Development, Inc. to be held on Monday, June 4, 2007. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

- II. Request for Special Use Permit 07-990004 from Tim Hortons (Sean Essinger),** to be allowed to construct a 2,810 sq. ft. coffee/donut shop located on property at 12970 S. US, on the west side of BR-27, north of Herbison Road, south of Webb Road, in the southeast ¼ of Section 9 of DeWitt Charter Township.

Chairman Gobbo stated he has been advised by staff that the applicant will be submitting a revised site plan. Therefore, it is not necessary for the Planning Commission to take action on request for Special Use Permit 07-990003 at this time.

- III. Ordinance Amendment 60.71**, to amend certain sections of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance of 1977, as amended, to comply with the requirements of Public Act 110 of 2006; to amend that portion of Chapter VII of the Zoning Ordinance that relates to the review of site plan and Special Use Permit applications; to amend Chapter XII to enable the review of applications for conditional rezonings; to make other minor corrections, including typographical changes, to improve the understanding and ease of use of the Zoning Ordinance; and to provide an effective date thereof.

Keilen moved to receive and set for a Public Hearing Ordinance Amendment 60.71 to be held on Monday, June 4, 2007. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

REPORTS:

I. Trustee:

Trustee Ross gave a brief report on business conducted and action taken at recent meetings of the DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees.

Chairman Gobbo stated that it would be nice for the Committees and Commissions to meet the new Township Manager, Rodney Taylor.

II. Zoning Board of Appeals:

Chairman Gobbo advised that the Board of Appeals did not meet during the months of February, March and April due to no applications being filed.

III. Committees:

a. Ordinance Amendment Subcommittee

Gobbo advised that the Ordinance Amendment Subcommittee has a vacancy due to the resignation of Commissioner Jane DeHoog. He asked if any of the Commissioners had an interest in filling the position.

Brief discussion followed regarding the frequency in which the subcommittee meets.

Commissioner White volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Ordinance Amendment Subcommittee.

The Ordinance Amendment Subcommittee consists of Steve Gobbo, Mike Nolen and Greg White.

IV. Staff:

Planning Director Jeff Gray gave a brief update on projects the Planning Department staff has been working on. He listed the South Central Area Plan, various Zoning Ordinance Amendments, development of a Clinton County Economic Development Office and filling the vacancy that currently exists on the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Nolen commended the entire staff of the Planning Department for their fine work and efforts accomplished for the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: **White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Supported. MOTION CARRIED.**

Linda K. Parkinson, Recording Secretary

Kim Smelker, Secretary