

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LARKIN
COUNTY OF MIDLAND 48642
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: 13 April 2011.

TIME: 7:30P.

PLACE: LARKIN TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jerry Steger called the meeting to order at 7:30p.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners present: Duane Bremer, Chuck Goodman, Karen Hitchcock, Cathy Skalnican, Stan VanSumeren, and Jerry Steger.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the 09 March 2011 meeting were reviewed. Karen Hitchcock made a motion to approve the **Larkin Charter Township Planning Commission minutes**. Chuck Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Many members of the public were present.
5. **REPORTS:**
 - A. **TOWNSHIP BOARD:** Karen Hitchcock reported on the Township Board meeting of 12 April 2011.
 - B. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** A variance request for a parcel on Letts Road which has 99' frontage will be heard on 27 April 2011.
6. **OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Jerry Steger began the review of the Master Land Use Plan (MLUP). Names of some roads were verified and commissioners discussed the features map, i.e.locations of cemeteries, oil wells, and large ponds, which may need to be added to the map, possibly with overlays.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairperson Steger opened the Sign Ordinance Public Hearing. Comments were directed to digital sign formats, flashing signs, and to the number of wall signs allowed within the stated square footage of the ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:34p
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. After a discussion by the commissioners of the statements of concern voiced by the public regarding the proposed changes in the Sign Ordinance, Duane Bremer made a motion, seconded by Karen Hitchcock, to change the word "one" to "two wall signs" of 15.14 Signs 4.C.1., keep the square feet requirement the same. **Roll Call Vote:** Bremer-yes; Goodman-no; Hitchcock-yes; Skalnican-yes; VanSumeren-yes; and Steger-yes. Motion passed: (5-1).
 - B. Chairperson Steger needs to contact the township attorney regarding whether or not another public hearing would be needed if the motion made is considered a significant change in the wording.
 - C. Chuck Goodman complimented the public for their pertinent statements and helpful suggestions and their knowledge of the ordinance. He also stated the commission is charged with the responsibility to be answerable to all township residences, and to the esthetics of the land uses.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: .

ADJOURNMENT: Duane Bremer made a motion, seconded by VanSumeren, to adjourn the meeting, Voice Vote: All yeas (6-0), Meeting adjourned: 8:57p.

Submitted by the Secretary of the Planning Commission
Charter Township of Larkin
County of Midland Michigan 48642

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Catherine M Skalnican