

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LARKIN

COUNTY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 48642

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: 14 October 2009.

TIME: 7:30p.

PLACE: Larkin Township Office Building

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Jerry Steger called the meeting to order at 7:30p.
2. **Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Duane Bremer, Karen Hitchcock, Chuck Goodman, Cathy Skalnican, Stan VanSumeren, and Jerry Steger.
3. **Minutes:** Karen Hitchcock made a motion to accept the minutes of the **Planning Commission Meeting of 09 September 2009**. Duane Bremer seconded the motion. **VOICE VOTE:** All ayes. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).
4. **Public Comment and/or Communications Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:** Several persons were present to speak to the issue of the planned Public Hearing.
5. **Reports:**
 - A. **Township Board:** Karen Hitchcock reported on the Township Board regular monthly meeting.
 - B. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No report.
 - C. **Secretary:** No report.
 - D. **Commissioner:** Chuck Goodman gave a report of the proposed Hope Township Master Land Use Plan, which had been sent to Larkin Charter Township as required.
6. **Public Hearing:**
 - A. Chairperson Jerry Steger opened the public hearing at 7:58p. Todd Bennett is requesting a rezoning of a parcel at 2981 E Monroe, zoned Industrial A, to be rezoned to Industrial B.
 - B. The comments of the public present touched on environmental issues, questioned compliance with the Master Land Use Plan, asked about access to the parcel, introduced a possible solution of conditional zoning (not part of the township ordinances), and expressed concerns about property devaluation.
 - C. The public hearing was closed at 8:35p.
 - D. Duane Bremer made a motion recommending denial of the rezoning request of the property, with a second by VanSumeren. The parcel description is:

SEC 20 T15N R2E COM 1021.2ft W and 330 ft N of S E SEC COR, then 990 ft W to center of NEWELL DRAIN, SELY ALG CL to a PT 330 ft N of S SEC LN, E 486 ft.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bremer-yes; Goodman-yes; Hitchcock-yes; Skalnican-yes; VanSumeren-yes; and, Steger-yes. Unanimous (6-0), decision was voted to recommend denial of the rezoning request.

7. **New Business:**
 - A. The Planning Commission will need to review the ordinance dealing with Business signs to determine if there is compliance in the township. Karen Hitchcock will survey other township ordinances and report to the commissioners.
 - B. The Planning Commission will need to review the Larkin Charter Township Master Land Use Plan.

Miscellaneous Business and Announcements:

- A. The Township Board approved funding for anyone who wishes to attend a Planning workshop presented by the Michigan Township Authority.
- B. As of 04 November 2009, the rezoning request by Todd Bennett was denied.

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Hitchcock made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Stan VanSumeren. **VOICE VOTE:** All ayes. Motion passed (6-0). Meeting adjourned 8:53p.

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

Catherine M. Skalnican

04 November 2009

cc: Attorney Pete Poznak