

Charter Township of Filer  
**PLANNING COMMISSION RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

April 19, 2022

2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI 49660

Present: Karen Kolk, Shirley Ball, Jennifer Williams, Glenn Mandeville, Roger Dittmer, Kathy Gutowski, Donald Kuk

Absent: None

Also present: Larry Thompson, Zoning Administrator; Alex Henderson, Township Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Williams with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mandeville, seconded by Gutowski to approve meeting agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Kuk, seconded by Kolk to approve the March 15, 2022 rescheduled meeting minutes with changed additions: Remove from SMARTrails "Have hired an independent contractor", Under Public Comment add "Dr. & Mrs. Brunner were present to provide comments and discuss changes to ordinance presented". All in favor. M/C

Motion by Kuk, seconded by Gutowski to open the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. All in favor. M/C

Public comments regarding an ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of the Charter Township of Filer Code of Ordinances (Zoning).

- Much discussion on map of parcels in each Filer Town Center Number 1 & Number 2 boundaries.
- Building height restrictions for Filer Town Center is unclear.
- Issue of allowing sexually oriented business and personal services establishments? Is this required?
- Sidewalk requirements (Mike Szokola, Manistee County Planner) as resident would like to see for all new developments.
- Wade Taatjes and Shelly Taatjes had many questions relative to their property and plans.

No written comments were received.

Motion by Kolk, seconded by Kuk to close the public hearing. All in favor. M/C

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Discussion on amendments to Chapter 31 ordinance:

Many changes were discussed and noted by the Township Attorney and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

SMARTrails: Update from Karen Kolk. Reviewed Board of Directors meeting minutes and Strategic Plan meeting minutes held on March 10, 2022. Next board meeting and strategic planning meeting was scheduled for April 25, 2022.

Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Larry Thompson reviewed monthly activity report for March. Schedule Public Hearing for May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. before regular meeting. Manistee National would like to amend existing P.U.D. Pine Ridge to expand number of units.

Supervisors Report: Housing Action Committee – Roger Dittmer to serve as Filer Township Representative.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes from Public Hearing held on March 28, 2022 reviewed. Zoning Board approved a setback variance to construct a dwelling in medium density residential district 75 ft. from the bluff instead of 100 ft. on Parcel: 51-06-541-707-05.

Board of Trustees: Special meeting minutes held on March 22, 2022 were reviewed. Regular meeting minutes from April 5, 2022 were reviewed.

Downtown Development Authority: Proposed minutes from regular meeting held on April 5, 2022 were reviewed. May need to replace Director.

Develop Filer Ad Hoc Committee: None

Public Comment: None

Any Other Business: None

Motion by Gutowski, seconded by Kuk to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary  
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission