

Charter Township of Filer  
**PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
May 16, 2023  
Filer Township Hall, 2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI 49660

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

Absent: none

Also present: Larry Thompson, Zoning Administrator and Richard Wilson, Township Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Williams with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Motion by Kuk, seconded by Mandeville to approve the April 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Special Use Permit for Retail Sales in Agriculture Residential: Larry has at least 4 requests for special use permits to sell items. Road side stands is the decision line. Sell products from the property cannot sell items brought in. Cannot pick and chose items to be sold. Must be accessory use from the property to be sold. Recommendation from Richard Wilson, Township Attorney to issue temporary use permits. Richard is to draft language for Planning Commission.

SMARTrails: Karen gave a report on current activity. February 13, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Karen distributed list of 2023 Festival dates for Planning Commission to review.

Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Larry Thompson reviewed zoning activity report for the month.

Supervisors Report: No permit for auto repair shop on 28<sup>th</sup> that Larry is aware of. Oak Hill Park update. Work bee at Magoon Creek for Garlic Mustard is coming up.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No report.

Board of Trustees: Regular meeting minutes from May 4, 2023 were reviewed.

Downtown Development Authority: Regular meeting minutes from May 4, 2023 were reviewed.

Communications: None

Public Comment: Regarding high density residential language does not permit chickens but ordinance does restrict number of chickens allowed in medium density. Decision to let owner keep/have the chickens, if they are family pets.

Any Other Business: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary  
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission