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Charter Township of Kalamazoo
Minutes of a Master Plan Work Session by the Planning Commission
Held on January 30, 2020

A special meeting of the Kalamazoo Charter Township Planning Commission was conducted on January 30, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m., at the Township Hall.

Present were:

William Chapman
Fred Nagler, Chairman
Denise Hartsough
Christopher Mihelich
Warren Cook (at 6:15)

Also present were Township Zoning Administrator Patrick Hudson and Township Trustee Nicholet Leigh.

Absent was:

Jeremy Hathcock

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

Chairman Nagler welcomed those in attendance

Approval of the Agenda for the January 30, 2020 Meeting

The Commissioners received the agenda in their packets.

Upon motion of Mihelich, supported by Hartsough, and unanimous vote, the agenda was approved as presented.

Business

Hudson presented an initial revision of the 2014 Master Plan with editorial changes by Nagler and Hartsough. He also asked for input on methods for obtaining public input suggesting that each neighborhood be given a public “open house-type” session.
Hudson distributed the 2008 Master Land Use Plan map.

1 During the review of the text Nagler suggested various changes.
2 Mihelich suggested removing the pre-2010 census information. Hudson supported that
3 because of the extreme changes brought on by the 2008 recession and the changes in the U.S.
4 Census: relevant block and tract data is no longer available for Northwood and Lakewood so
5 that comparable information on current conditions is not obtainable.
6 All agreed to the removal of pre-2010 data.
7 Hartsough suggested removing the recommendations paragraphs from the existing conditions
8 text and moving those that are appropriate to the recommendations chapter at the end.
9 All agreed to this.
10 Hartsough volunteered to re-draft a "Township Assets" section.
11 Mihelich volunteered to re-draft an "issues section"
12 Cook asked for more economic information from the Upjohn Institute. Hudson said he would
13 ask.
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15 Discussion on a schedule for neighborhood meetings.
16 Next work session set for Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00.

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18 **Open Discussion – Members of the Audience**

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20 Leigh expressed interest in the project

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22 **Adjournment**

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24 There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission the meeting was
25 adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Warren Cook, Secretary

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32 **SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS**

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34 The Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission undertook the following actions at the
35 January 30, 2020 master plan work session:
- 36 1. The proposed text amendments will be worked on for further discussion at the
37 February 20, 2020 master plan work session.
 - 38 2. Methods for obtaining public participation were discussed and four neighborhood
39 open house sessions will be considered.
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