

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 25, 2013**

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The Delhi Charter Township Planning Commission met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2013 in the Multipurpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan. Chairperson Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Rita Craig, Michael Goodall, John Hayhoe, Donald Leaf, James Weaver, Ken O'Hara, Elizabeth Zietlow

Members Absent: Tonia Olson, Orlando Todd

Others Present: Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2013 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

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**Goodall moved and Zietlow seconded to approve the March 11, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.**

A Voice Poll was recorded as follows: All Ayes

Absent: Olson, Todd

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):** None

**PROPOSED CHICKEN ZONING ORDINANCE (CASE NO. 13-874, PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 39.160)**

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Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development, stated that at the March 11, 2013 Planning Commission meeting, discussion was held on how to respond to the Board of Trustees request for a recommendation on the issue of urban chickens. It was determined that the best way to communicate a recommendation to the Board would be to draft a memorandum summarizing the consensus of the Commission during that meeting. Ms. Miller distributed correspondence that she received on March 25, 2013, the majority being from Township residents, in support of urban chickens. Ms. Miller also produced a map highlighting the areas where chickens are allowed under the existing zoning. Ms. Miller gave an overview of the memorandum summarizing the consensus of the Planning Commission which included a possible motion that could be used, or modified, by the Planning Commission to communicate their recommendation to the Board.

There was significant discussion about the topic among PC members. It was the consensus of the Commission that the existing Zoning Ordinance language regarding chickens is appropriate. Further, that the memo prepared by Ms. Miller did reflect the Commission's opinions about the issue of urban chickens accurately and should be forwarded to the Board for their reference.

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Michael and Valery Huberts, 2112 Aspenwood Drive, spoke in favor of urban chickens.

**Leaf moved to recommend to the Township Board that no action be taken at this time to enact zoning ordinance amendments which will permit the keeping of chickens or other agricultural animals within the residential zoning districts where it is currently prohibited. The Planning Commission believes that the Zoning Ordinance as currently written provides appropriate regulations of chickens and farm animals. Permitting chickens and other farm animals within the other residential zoning districts would be potentially detrimental to those neighborhoods. Permitting urban chickens or any other farm animals in residential areas may represent a health risk; detract from the aesthetic; cause incompatible land use; result in offensive odors and noises and the increase presence of rats or other varmints.**

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Craig, Goodall, Hayhoe, Leaf, O'Hara, Weaver, Zietlow

Absent: Olson, Todd

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

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Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development, provided information about additional work that had been completed on the Master Plan document. There was general discussion about that work. There was consensus that the "strikeout" sections that had already been discussed could be removed from the document to make it easier to review going forward. There was discussion about the goals and objectives charts and about the work that would be coming up on the future land use section of the plan.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND UPDATES**

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Ms. Miller provided general information about the status of development proposals.

It was stated that Commissioner Todd has submitted his resignation due to conflicts with his employment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donald Leaf, Secretary

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