

**VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
July 16, 2014
32325 Franklin Road – Village Hall
Franklin, Michigan**

Before the meeting, Clerk Pulker swore in the newly re-appointed member of the Planning Commission, Karen Couf-Cohen.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Franklin Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mike Heisel at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI at 7:31 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Rajaei Abbass, Karen Couf-Cohen, Peter Halick, Mike Heisel, Dean Moenck, Bill Sheppard, Bob Wilke
Absent: Calvin Cupidore (excused), Connie Ettinger (excused)
Also Present: Planning Consultant, Sarah Traxler, McKenna & Associates; Village Administrator, Jim Creech; Village Clerk, Eileen Pulker

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Moenck, seconded by Wilke to approve the Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard, Wilke
Nays: None
Absent: Cupidore, Ettinger
Motion carried.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of June 18, 2014

Heisel corrected the typographical spacing errors on page 2, **VII. MASTER PLAN REVIEW, A. Review Chapter 10_ Review**; under page10-6, 2nd bullet, 3rd line: **...HISTORIC AREAS: CHAPTER 4**; and 2nd bullet, 4th line: **... THE VILLAGE CENTER: Chapter 5.**

Moenck corrected the typographical spacing error on page 1, **IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES, A. Regular Meeting of May 21, 2014**, 3rd line: **Page9-5, “1st_ full paragraph”...**
Motion by Heisel, seconded by Sheppard to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2014 as amended.

Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard, Wilke
Nays: None
Absent: Cupidore, Ettinger
Motion carried.

IV. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Jim Creech, Village Administrator, reported that the Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend Section 666.02, of Chapter 666 Peace Disturbances of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan and that the second reading will be at the August meeting. Creech mentioned items which might be coming before the

Council at the August meeting, including the dedication of Forest Dr. and a street abandonment, Irving to Captains Lane.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nicholas Moenck, Meadow Dr., addressed the Commission concerning the 2015 Master Plan; and the lack of pathways for recreational use (walking, running, and/or biking). Moenck added that being an avid runner and bicyclist, he supports the recommendations for pathways made in the MSU Design and Sustainability Guidelines report which was presented at the Special Planning Commission meeting the previous night. He urged the adoption of the 2015 Master Plan either as worded or with an even stronger emphasis on the creation of a pathway system.

Sheppard suggested that he take his plea directly to the Village Council.
Discussion ensued concerning the impact of the Master Plan on the next generations.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING – TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1250.03, SPECIAL APPROVAL USES, OF CHAPTER 1250, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, OF PART 12 PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Heisel opened the Public Hearing at 7:51 P.M. There being no public comments, he closed the Hearing at 7:51 P.M.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CONSIDER REVISION TO CHAPTER 1250, Single Family Residential Districts 1250.03, Special Approval Uses.

Motion by Couf-Cohen, seconded by Abbass to recommend that the Village Council amend Section 1250.03, Special Approval Uses, of Chapter 1250, Single Family Residential Districts, of Part 12 Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan.

Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard, Wilke

Nays: None

Absent: Cupidore, Ettinger

Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Election of Officers.

Heisel stated that three of the Planning Commissioners had been re-appointed to the Commission by the Village Council and had all been sworn in: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, and Heisel.

Motion by Heisel, seconded by Sheppard to nominate Connie Ettinger Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion by Moenck, seconded by Sheppard to nominate Mike Heisel Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission and Calvin Cupidore Secretary of the Planning Commission.
Motion carried unanimously.**

X. BUDGET EXPENDITURE REPORT

A. Budget Update

Heisel stated that the Commission is still under budget. Traxler explained that the majority of her work for the year had been on the Master Plan revisions.

Couf-Cohen inquired about the photographs for the Master Plan.

XI. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

A. Next Regularly Scheduled meeting, August 20, 2014, at 7:30 PM

The upcoming meeting date was discussed briefly and it was noted that if the meeting were necessary there would in fact be enough commissioners available to provide a quorum.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heisel, seconded by Sheppard to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Abbass, Couf-Cohen, Halick, Heisel, Moenck, Sheppard, Wilke

Nays: None

Absent: Cupidore, Ettinger

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk