

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS
Minutes January 24, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission of Grand Rapids Charter Township was held at the Township Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Present were Chair Wayne Harrall, Vice Chair Scott Conners, Secretary Dave Van Dyke, Commissioners; Dan Ophoff, Mark Prein and Doug Kochneff. Also present were Township Attorney Ross Leisman and Michael J. DeVries. Commissioner Bill Culhane and Planning Assistant Kara Hammond were absent.

1. Approve minutes of November 22, 2016 regular meeting.

Dan Ophoff, seconded by **Mark Prein**, moved to table the approval of the minutes to the February 28, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

2. Approve minutes of December 13, 2016 special meeting.

Scott Conners, seconded by **Dan Ophoff**, moved to approve the minutes with the following edits;

- p.1, under item#1, change 'aforementioned' to 'Birds Trail Site Condominium'
- p.1, move 'excused' sentence to after motion to remove from table
- p.1, 4th paragraph under item#1, 2nd sentence, change last word from 'does' to 'did'

Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

3. Informal Presentation - Frederik Meijer Gardens - Request to amend current Special Land Use to include building additions and improvements at 1000 East Beltline Ave NE.

David Hooker, Executive Director of Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, gave a brief presentation of the proposed kitchen expansion and peripheral changes to the main building and surrounding area.

Dave Van Dyke, seconded by **Mark Prein**, moved to set the Public Hearing for the February 28, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

4. Public Hearing - Eagle Run-Unit 3 - Request to amend current PUD to allow for a restaurant and attached outdoor dining at 1596 East Beltline Ave NE.

Bruce Diephouse, property owner, gave a brief presentation regarding his request to allow for Al Fresco dining at the proposed restaurant to be located in unit 3 of the Eagle Run Development.

Dan Ophoff, seconded by **Scott Conners**, moved to open the Public Hearing.

Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

No residents spoke during the Public Hearing.

Dave Van Dyke, seconded by **Dan Ophoff**, moved to close the Public Hearing.
Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

Wayne Harrall read the comments and concerns from absent Planning Commission member, Bill Culhane that addressed significant parking concerns. Harrall also stated his discomfort for the parking issue as well.

The Planning Commissioners stated they are all concerned parking with the proposed restaurant use could potentially be 113 spaces short and discussed the option of a possible shared agreement may be required.

Scott Conners, seconded by **Dan Ophoff**, moved to table the request.
Motion approved unanimously. 6-0.

5. Discussion - GRT Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Shared driveways, Chapter 27 (items were distributed at November Meeting).

Mark Prein, seconded by **Dan Ophoff**, moved to set the Public Hearing for the February 28, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting.
Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

6. General Public Comment.

No residents spoke during the Public Comment.



David A. Van Dyke, Secretary