

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes of the May 12, 2003 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Planning Commission was held at the Township Hall at approximately 4:40 p.m. on May 12, 2003. Planning Commissioners present were Mike Fuller, Wayne Harrall, Rusty Merchant and Dave Van Dyke. Also present was Sue Thomas, Township Planner.

Mike Fuller, seconded by Dave Van Dyke, moved to approve the work session minutes of April 28, 2003 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed and approved the proposed changes to Chapter 14A, Landscaping. The chapters provisions were relaxed a bit to be in conformance with the proposed North East Beltline Overlay District provisions which according to Sue Thomas are more reasonable and practical than the current provisions.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed new chapter on lighting provisions. The Commission was not comfortable with an entire lighting chapter at this time and requested that provisions for requiring a Lighting Plan at the option of the Planning Commission or Site Plan Review Committee be added to the Site Plan Review Chapter instead. Furthermore, it was decided to reserve a chapter in the new Zoning Ordinance for lighting if in the administration of the lighting provisions for the North East Beltline the Commission became comfortable with more extensive lighting provisions.

Finally, the Commission reviewed, discussed and approved the minor changes proposed to Chapter 15, Signs. The only material change was to add a provision that allowed entrance signs for office parks.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Susan Thomas
Susan Thomas Acting Secretary