

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS- SPECIAL MEETING
September 18, 2023**

A Special meeting of the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI, 48188 on Monday, September 18, 2023. Chair Zuber called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Cruz, Eggenberger, Foster, Janowski, Singh, Watkins (arrived 7:14 P.M. after roll call), Weber, Zuber
Absent: Okon (prior notice given)

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Schlutow, Senior Planner, Zach Michels, Associate Planner, Joshua Burns, Planning Intern, and Jon LaFever, Community Development Director

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Eggenberger, supported by Weber, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all present on a voice vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

No additional communications received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Master Plan

Ms. Schlutow gave a Master Plan presentation that focused on Ford Rd. Improvements, Neighborhood Nodes, and Goals and Objectives.

Discussion was held regarding, sidewalks being added to right-of-way areas, the Township's Sidewalk Gap Program, acquiring grant funding, adding actuated signals near schools in session, illuminated school and speed signs, the need for the Township to work with MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) and Wayne County, and identifying potential and existing Neighborhood Nodes.

Ms. Schlutow stated draft statements will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

2. Zoning Ordinance Discussion – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Ms. Schlutow summarized the staff memorandum titled, Ordinance Amendment – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure dated September 18, 2023.

Further discussion took place regarding how the electrical and fire codes will affect the ordinance, the need for future amendments if fire and electrical codes change, and consulting with the Fire Marshal.

Discussion regarding the draft language of the ordinance took place and support was given to having the word “encourage” removed throughout the draft language to allow people to choose a vehicle of their choice without any influence. Comments regarding removing the 1 ½ mile distance from the Table 4-1 contained in the draft ordinance were made.

An additional discussion was held regarding the need for aesthetically pleasing screening, residential requirements, infrastructure requirements for new residential sites, and the differences between levels of charging stations.

3. Zoning Ordinance Discussion – Variances and Appeals

Mr. Michels summarized the staff memorandum titled, Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Zoning Board of Appeals and Miscellaneous dated September 18, 2023.

Further discussion took place regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) process, different types of appeals, recording decisions, and concerns were raised about the lack of newspapers available to use for public notification publications.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Weber, supported by Eggenberger to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all present on a voice vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Kelly Dandy
Recording Secretary