

**Williams Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2007**

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Township Hall.

The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Wasek called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present: D. Behmlander, B. Plant, D. Putt and P Wasek. Excused: J. Hurt and W. Steward. Absent: C. Adams

Also Present: B. Klemish, Williams Township Zoning Administrator, and J. Hammond, Township Attorney. Others present are indicated on the sign in sheet, attached Exhibit B.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said in unison.

III. Open to the Public

There was no public business.

IV. New Business

A. Noxious Vegetation Ordinance

Vice Chairperson Wasek gave an overview of the proposed noxious vegetation ordinance. He stated the Williams Township Board wanted to hear comments from Planning Commission members before it is approved. He explained that the former ordinance only applied to residential property.

D. Putt asked if the township has been receiving complaints and if so, could the township charge a fee to mow the property.

R. Klemish stated that he receives a number of complaints.

J. Hammond stated the enabling legislature of the state allows townships with a population over 5,000 to charge a fee for mowing grass/weeds. Because Williams

Township's population is under 5,000 we cannot charge a fee, but civil infractions for violations of the ordinance can be enforced.

A short discussion followed regarding the maintenance of vegetation on unplatted land within 50 feet of a property boundary line or a roadway right-of-way line.

B. Plant asked if a letter of notification would be sent to property owners when they are in violation of the ordinance.

J. Hammond stated that stipulation could be added to the ordinance but wanted to keep it simple.

R. Klemish explained that he approaches the land owner and explains the ordinance to them, therefore eliminating the need for a letter. He stated that in most cases the land owner takes care of the problem and no further action is necessary.

D. Behmlander asked how the township board decided on 10" for the vegetation height.

J. Hammond stated that the 10" height of vegetation was mutually agreed upon by the township board members.

Vice Chairperson Wasek stated he would like to hold the discussion of the noxious vegetation ordinance open until the next Planning Commission meeting so that the members who were absent at this meeting would be able to state their comments.

Motion by D. Putt, supported by D. Behmlander to keep the discussion of the noxious weed ordinance open until the next Planning Commission meeting.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: J. Hurt and W. Steward Absent: C. Adams
Motion carried. It is so RESOLVED.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made by B. Plant and seconded by D. Behmlander to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Excused: J. Hurt, W. Steward Absent: C. Adams
Motion carried. IT IS SO RESOLVED.

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LeAnne Johansson
Williams Township Deputy Clerk