

**Williams Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2007**

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Williams held a regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007 at the Township Hall.

The agenda is attached Exhibit A.

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

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

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. Dow Corning Site Plan Review**

Brian Nartker, Wade-Trim, called the Township office at 2:15 p.m. on September 10, 2007 to request that Dow Corning's site plan review be taken off the agenda. No specific reason was given.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**A. Noxious Vegetation Ordinance**

P. Wasek reviewed the revised Noxious Vegetation Ordinance draft from J. Hammond dated August 7, 2007. He explained to the members who were absent from last month's meeting that the Township Board wanted the Planning Commission to submit their comments and concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. He stated the township is not going to patrol for noxious weeds, but this ordinance would give the township leverage to enforce civil penalties when there is a violation. He also stated this ordinance includes commercial properties which have not been included previously.

P. Wasek questioned whether a letter of warning should be written to the property owner.

R. Klemish stated when a complaint is received by the township, he personally contacts the property owner and most all comply with his request. He also stated the commercial properties are much more difficult to pursue because the current ordinance does not include any infractions for violations in commercially zoned areas.

C. Adams asked if the proposed 50 feet maintenance of property included all boundaries of the parcel.

P. Wasek answered yes.

C. Adams stated he thought it should only be the frontage of the property.

R. Klemish stated he does not start to receive complaints until approximately August 1.

Chairperson Steward stated some parcels may not be able to be mowed if they are too wet.

J. Hammond told J. Hurt the Township Board was particularly interested in her comments.

J. Hurt stated they once had their property brush hogged and it only destroyed the wildlife habitat and allowed neighboring property owners to dispose of garbage or make use of the mowed areas near their property line for storage of a variety of items. She is not in favor of the 50 foot maintenance of all property boundaries.

Discussion followed regarding whether there should be 50 feet of maintenance on all boundaries of the property or just the front.

J. Hammond asked the Planning Commission members if they all agreed to require property owners to mow the front 50 feet of their property.

All members answered yes.

B. Plant stated the proposed ordinance was acceptable.

D. Putt agreed.

D. Behmlander stated he understands both sides of the 50 feet of maintenance requirement. He stated it should include all boundaries for subdivision lots, but other parcels it should not.

P. Wasek thanked the Planning Commission members for their comments and concerns and stated they will be discussed at the Township Board meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

J. Hammond stated he will wait for the Township Board to contact him if any changes need to be made to the proposed draft.

Chairperson Steward asked members if there was any other business needed to be discussed at this time.

P. Wasek informed members of a house bill that is being discussed by state legislators to eliminate township government. He urged members to watch for more information regarding the state budget process.

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion was made by J. Hurt and seconded by B. Plant to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

7 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion carried. IT IS SO RESOLVED.

LeAnne Johansson  
Williams Township Deputy Clerk