CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
Archie Warner, Chairman

Minutes of a meeting held on February 15, 2010

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Caledonia Planning Commission held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 15, 2010, at the Township/Village Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Members Present: M. Homier, M. Kelly, T. Morris, R. Parent and A. Warner
Members Absent: D. Gunnink, D. Koopmans
Staff Present: Bob Phillips
Others Present: Members of the media and Township citizens

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Okay as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (BRIEF – UP TO 2 MINUTES)

A. Warner opened the floor to public comment.

Seeing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting.

Page 1 The word “none” was deleted from the Members Absent line.
Page 2 The word “neo” was corrected to read “neon.”
Page 3 The words “A. Warner” were corrected to read “M. Kelly” under the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

R. Parent made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2010, with noted changes. Motion was supported by T. Morris.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes. Minutes of the January 18, 2010 meeting approved.
5. INQUIRY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

M. Homier stated that he wasn’t present for the final site plan approval of Campau Corners, but disclosed that an attorney in his office works for Great Lakes Convenience, Inc.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing and Review: Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Charter Township of Caledonia Zoning Ordinance – the principal provisions of the amending ordinance cover: Outdoor Illumination Section 3.5; Lighting Regulations and Requirements for outdoor lighting in commercial and industrial districts; Exemptions to the amended lighting regulations; and Other Provisions provided by the amendments.

A. Warner stated that the maximum height of light pole was 23’ and is now 30’ with a 40’ exception for large parking lots in commercial/industrial zoning. R. Parent asked why there was an increase and B. Phillips replied that it was because the Township found it was lacking guidelines in this area.

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Seeing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed

A. Warner commented that the ordinance should specify that “all districts” shall be adequately lit with documentation for citizens to follow. M. Kelly commented that the ordinance is now a lot clearer.

ARCHIE WARNER ENTERTAINS A MOTION:

A. Warner made a motion to recommend approval to the Township Board as amended. Motion was supported by T. Morris.

ROLL CALL VOTE: T. Morris – aye; R. Parent – aye, A. Warner – aye; M. Kelly – aye; M. Homier. Motion Carried

A. Warner commented that he feels that the Planning Commission has done good work in identifying a problem and presenting a solution to send to the Township Board for approval.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (EXTENDED – UP TO 5 MINUTES)

A. Warner opened the floor to public comment.

Seeing none, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed

9. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

A. Warner asked if his fellow commissioners were willing to meet to discuss the sign ordinance. Mr. Phillips stated that they would re-evaluate it. Mr. Warner suggested getting a list of ordinances that might need clean up from the Township’s attorney, James Brown.
T. Morris asked about the outstanding business with a traffic study for Farmers and Davenport University. M. Kelly stated that the traffic study recommended updating certain intersections with a five year plan for moving forward. The intersections are 60th and Kraft, 68th and M37, Old 60th and 60th, the internal intersections of Foremost, and 60th and M37.

R. Parent asked about the status of a windmill ordinance. Mr. Warner stated that the issue has been deferred to the Township Board and he is waiting to hear a reply adding that eventually they will need to look at the issue. Mr. Phillips stated that he would add it to the agenda.

T. Morris asked about wood-burning furnaces and Mr. Warner stated that unless there is an issue that needs addressing, he feels it should be left as it is now.

10. ADJOURNMENT

R. Parent made a motion to adjourn. Motion was supported by M. Kelly.

VOICE VOTE – all ayes – Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Duane Gunnink, Secretary
Approved:  May 3, 2010

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Sincerely,

Cindi Landon
Recording Secretary