

**MINUTES**  
**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022 --- 7:00 p.m.**

**Big Rapids Township Hall, 14212 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Amanda Wethington called the regular meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Planning Commission to order at the township hall on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Carman Bean, Zach Cook, Mary Davis, Gordon Oliver, Jeff Oosterhouse, Mark Sweppenheiser and Amanda Wethington. The record shows there is a quorum. Also present: William Stanek, Supervisor; Zoning Administrator and Recording Secretary, Timothy Kleinheksel.

**III. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**

Mrs. Wethington asked if any of the Commission members had known conflicts of interest with any of the items on the agenda for this meeting. No one indicated that a conflict of interest existed.

**IV. APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2022 MINUTES:**

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission members to review the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as submitted. Mr. Oliver supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with seven ayes.

**V. PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN:**

Mr. Bean, Mr. Sweppenheiser and Mr. Oosterhouse agreed to be representatives on the Parks and Recreation committee. The committee will be responsible for developing the master plan. Mr. Bean said the committee will be meeting for a short time following tonight's meeting to discuss how to get the master plan developed and up to date.

**VI. RESIDENTIAL PARKING ORDINANCE:**

A request from the Board of Trustees to review parking restrictions in residential areas in the Township. Mr. Bean stated that Mr. Pete Kent and Mrs. Mary Hively brought the parking issue to the August 2, 2022 board meeting. They brought a copy of the Golfview Estates Covenant that expired in 1995 which states in part "All inoperative automobiles, motor cycles, and other rolling stock or vehicles shall not be stored on any lot for more than seven days, unless kept withing a garage or carport." Their complaint has to do with a neighbor that is parking 5-7 cars and two semi-tractors in their driveway. They said one of the tractors was

parked on the side of the public road for a time. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Kleinheksel will take photos of the property for record and will send a good neighbor letter to the occupants.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further business for the Planning Commission, Mrs. Wethington adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

**APPROVAL:** Action taken at the regular meeting of September 13, 2022: Motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes of August 9, 2022 by: Mr. Bean. Supported by: Mr. Oliver. Motion carried with six ayes.

Timothy Kleinheksel,  
Timothy Kleinheksel, Recording Secretary  
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September 13, 2022  
Date Approved