

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the May 4th, 2011 Regular Meeting  
**APPROVED**

The May 4th, 2011, meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Mario Zarantenello with members Brad Clark, David Krumrie, Tom Hackley, Bill Marske, Steven Payne and Robert Beemer present.

No members were absent.

**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business:**

Election of officers for fiscal year; beginning 4/01/2011 and ending 3/31/2012.

Payne motioned, Beemer supported, to reappoint officers as they stand, with the exception of Payne, who will be stepping down from Vice-Chairman Position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clark motioned, Beemer supported to have Member Zarantenello remain as Representative to the Chikaming Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hackley motioned, Marske supported to appoint David Krumrie as new Vice-chairman.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zarantenello appointed Theresa Priest as Recording Secretary for Chikaming Township Planning Commission.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business:**

Payne motioned, Marske supported to approve minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 regular meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business:**

Marske motioned, Payne supported to accept agenda for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was no old business on agenda to discuss.

There was no new business on the agenda to discuss.

**Subcommittee updates:**

An update on the Proposed Lighting Ordinance was given by Commission member Beemer. Included in the updates were a revised Proposed Lighting Ordinance, a handout that shows examples of what would be accepted lighting and a handout showing how bad lighting can look and affect a community as well as copies of Chikaming Township's Good Neighbor Policy. (Copies on file at Township offices).

Beemer also reported that he and Commission member Krumrie had met with a Lighting Architect to obtain more information and examples of potential accepted lighting. Scott Rappe was also a member of the committee.

It is agreed by all members that it is important to plan in advance because eventually the Township will see resurgence in new construction after the lull we have been seeing. They are also in agreement that a Lighting Ordinance could eliminate some safety issues in the future.

Beemer added that this Ordinance would apply to only new construction, major renovations or lighting replacements of more than 25%. Zarantenello stated they could not just add to or redefine any existing lighting ordinance. Beemer replied that there is currently no ordinance in effect although Chikaming Township Ordinance No. 131, Section 9 mentions lighting. It was reiterated that all existing lighting would be able to stay "as is" which is clearly explained in the proposed ordinance. Mentioned again was the policing of the Proposed Ordinance and how that would be handled.

Member Hackley stated if Agricultural use would be exempt and Beemer replied that it should apply to them as well.

Krumrie then motioned and Hackley supported to present Ordinance as written and corrected to the Township Board at a future meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Member Hackley mentioned that he would like to take another look at the Greenbelt issues on his own if everyone was in agreement and they were.

After a brief discussion regarding the Hike and Bike Trail, it is in agreement that Members Hackley and Krumrie will see if they can get New Buffalo Township on board for a traffic study that can be done free of charge. All agreed.

There were no comments from the public.

Payne motioned and Clark supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,  
Theresa Priest  
Recording Secretary