

Meeting Minutes

Cascade Charter Township Planning Commission

Farmland Preservation Study Sub-Committee

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

7:30 am in Front Conference Room

ARTICLE 1: Call the meeting to order

Chairman Scott Rissi called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Members Ryan Bruneau, Joe Engel, and Ralph Moxley were in attendance.

Zoning Administrator Madison Smith-Jacoby was unable to attend due to an illness.

ARTICLE 2: Approve the Agenda

Member Engel made a motion to approve the agenda and recommended that the date of the previous meeting be changed from November 8 to **November 16**.

Member Bruneau also requested that we add **“Article 5.5: Review Land Uses”** between Article 5 and Article 6.

Member Engel recommended that Articles 6 and 7 be reversed so that **“Goals of Next Meeting”** comes before **“Any Other Business”**.

Member Engel moved to support the revised Agenda. Member Moxley supported. Motion approved.

ARTICLE 3: Approve minutes from the November 16 meeting

Chair Rissi noted that at the November 16 meeting only 3 members (Rissi, Moxley, and Smith-Jacoby) were present. Member Engel asked if the meeting required a quorum. Chair Rissi said a quorum is not required at sub-committee meetings.

Member Moxley noted that the minutes were developed off the list of notes made at the November 16 meeting, and not from a recording of the meeting.

Chair Rissi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 16, 2023, sub-committee meeting. Member Moxley supported the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion to approve the meeting minutes.

ARTICLE 4: Disclose any Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest noted by any of the members present.

ARTICLE 5: Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak

There were no visitors at this sub-committee meeting.

ARTICLE 5.5: Review Land Uses

Agricultural Uses by Right: Chair Rissi stated that we had already gone through that category earlier and did not need to review it again.

Special Land Use in ARC and FP Zoning Districts:

- a. Page 2: Public, semi-public, or private communications/**transceiver station/antenna tower, or masts** (delete Page 3: Antenna tower and masts for cellular phone service).
- b. Page 2: Remove Playgrounds (add to Page 3: Public or private non-profit parks, **playgrounds**, recreation centers and nature centers).
- c. Page 2: Outdoor storage centers for Recreational Vehicles (**only allowed in ARC zones**)
- d. Page 2: Delete "Nursery of wholesale landscaping/greenhouses".
- e. Page 2: Add to FP "**Establishing private roads is not permitted in the Farmland Preservation zoning district. All parcels must have frontage on a public road without utilizing an easement**"
- f. Page 3: Revise "Churches and associated facilities **and related activities** (ARC zoning)"
- g. Page 3: Revise "Processing of Agricultural Products and Composting"
- h. Page 2: Delete "Dairy Product Processing"
- i. Page 2: Delete "Milk Pasteurization Plants". Leave "Fish hatcheries, apiaries..."
- j. Page 2: Delete "Dairy Product Processing"
- k. Page 2: Delete "Any special uses which may be permitted in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts (including churches)"
- l. Page 2: Revise "Kennels and Clinics for large animals"/Outdoor Kennels
- m. Page 2: Delete "Public Stables and Equestrian Activities"
- n. Page 2: Revise "Fairs, Carnivals, and Special Events **that are temporary in nature**"
- o. Page 2: Delete "Hunting Reserve"
- p. Page 2: Delete "Indoor/ Outdoor Kennels"
- q. Page 2: Delete "Nursery of Wholesale Landscaping/Greenhouses"
- r. Page 3: Delete "Group Daycare Homes"
- s. Page 3: Revise "Minor Mineral Resource Extraction (**ARC only**)"
- t. Page 3: Delete "Other uses as determined by the Planning Commission"
- u. Page 3: Delete "Vineyards"
- v. Page 3: Add "Wineries with co-located vineyards"

ARTICLE 6: Goals of next meeting

Continue to review Special Land Use category. Separate into “Special Land Use in ARC Zoning District” and a sub-set “Special Land Use in FP Zoning Districts”.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, December 7 at 8:30 am.**

There will be a meeting at Wisner Center that same day at 10 am. Kent County will focus on Farmland Preservation. Hopefully all sub-committee members can attend.

ARTICLE 7: Any other business

No other business was discussed.

ARTICLE 8: Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak

There were no visitors.

ARTICLE 9: Adjournment

Member Moxley moved to adjourn at 9:08 am. Member Engel supported the motion. Motion approved.

Ralph Moxley, recording secretary