

ASH TOWNSHIP

CARLETON, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting: April 15, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Ash Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:28 p.m. by Chairman Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present- Chairman Smith, Z. Carmack, R. Carmack, J. Geiermann, J. Booth, V. Nuhaj, C. Collert

EXCUSED: K. Willis, J. Langton

ALSO PRESENT: Planner Young, Zoning Administrator, 6 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Booth, supported by Geiermann to approve the Ash Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Geiermann, supported by Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Outdoor Burning Ordinance – Ordinance number 2025-04-16

The commission was provided a copy of the proposed Outdoor Burning Ordinance drafted by Attorney Godfroy. Planner Young reminded the commission that this is a stand-alone ordinance, and this ordinance would take precedence over the Burn Ordinance (21.34) within the Zoning Ordinance. Planner Young recommends the board confirm with Attorney Godfroy to remove Burn Ordinance (21.34) from the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Booth, supported by R. Carmack, to recommend adoption of the Outdoor Burning Ordinance 2025-04-16 and set a public hearing at the convenience of the next meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of officers for 2025

Motion by Geiermann, supported by Booth for Eric Smith to be chairperson.

Motion by Geiermann, supported by R. Carmack for Jim Booth to be Vice Chair. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Set meeting dates and time for 2025

Motion by Smith, supported by Booth, to set the date and times as printed. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

3. Ash Township planning discussion

Chairman Smith asked Planner Young to speak on the "Detailed Community Profile" packet that Young provided to the board. Planner Young explained the packet and informed the Planning Commission the purpose of the Master Plan. Planner Young suggested some items the commission should be thinking about when looking into the Master Plan. A possible complete date for the Master Plan should be Fall of 2025. Discussion from board members included sewer availability, lot sizes, town homes, and one-level single-family homes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carey Crays – Ash Township needs more housing, not warehouses and truck stuff.

Keith Cornewett - Talked about adding a showroom to his Carleton Farm Supply business located at 11850 Grafton Rd. Keith advised the planning commission that the demographics have changed for his business, and he would like to add a 40x48 showroom to his existing building. The property is currently zoned residential; however, he operates as a commercial use, which makes this a non-conforming building. Discussion by board members included how the planning commission could help make this right. Planner Young advised the planning commission that they could initiate a rezoning on their own behalf, or the property owner could request a rezoning. Continued discussion by the board included how many parcels, property lines, and setbacks. The Planning Commission concluded their discussion with that the process should start with the property owner looking into combining his parcels.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Booth, supported by Smith to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

America Runyan

Ash Township Zoning Administrator