

ASH TOWNSHIP

CARLETON, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting: July 15, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Ash Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Chairman Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present- Chairman Smith, Z. Carmack (seated at 6:33 p.m.), R. Carmack, J. Geiermann, J. Booth, V. Nuhaj, J. Langton, C. Collert, K. Willis

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Planner Young, Zoning Administrator, 4 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Booth, supported by Smith to approve the Ash Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Smith advised they were going to start with New Business. Motion by Geiermann, supported by Langton to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

New BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing to Rezone parcel #5801-021-026-00, 1.86 acres, commonly known as 11850 Grafton Rd, parcel #5801-021-020-00, 1 acre, located on Grafton Rd (no address) and parcel #5801-021-019-00, 22 acres, located on Grafton Rd (no address) owned by James and Linda Cronenwett Trust. Ash Township is initiating a rezoning from the R, Residential Single-Family District to the AG, Agricultural District.**

Motion by R. Carmack, supported by Smith to open the public hearing. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

Planner Young opened the discussion by talking about all three properties in detail, including that the current use for all three properties is not well suited for the current zoning. A recommendation by the Planning Commission to the Township board to rezone all three properties from R to AG would better fit the current use of the property. No further comments from the board or public were made.

Motion by Geiermann supported by R. Carmack to close the public hearing. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Booth, supported by Smith to recommend the approval to rezone parcels 5801-021-026-00, 5801-021-020-00 and 5801-021-019-00 from R (Residential) to AG (Agricultural District). Roll Call Vote taken. 9 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2. **Public Hearing to hear public comments on proposed text amendments to delete Section 21.34 of the Zoning Ordinance, removing outdoor burning provisions from the Zoning Ordinance so they can be regulated by the Ash Township Code of Ordinances.**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Smith to open the public hearing. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

Planning Young explained the reason to delete Section 21.34 from the Zoning Ordinance, as the Township Board has adopted a standalone burning ordinance outside of the Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, it would be appropriate to remove Section 21.34 from the Zoning Ordinance. No discussion or comments from the board or public were made.

Motion by Booth supported by Langton to close the public hearing. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

Motion by Booth, supported by Collert to recommend the removal of Section 21.34 from the Ash Twp Zoning Ordinance. Voice vote taken, Motion carried.

Old BUSINESS:

1. Ash Township Master Plan Update Discussion (Continued from 4/15/2025)

Planner Young updated the Planning Commission on the methods of public engagement that they spoke about at the last planning commission meeting. Planner Young presented a draft citizen survey and flyer that he prepared. The Planning Commission discussed most of the questions on the draft survey and made some revisions. After discussion, Planner Young will make the requested changes and provide the Township with a copy of the survey, flyer, and links to the survey to post on the Township website, social media, and other local community sites.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

What is the reason we cannot mail out the surveys? What is the process after the Township receives the results from the survey?

What is other? They should not be able to complete the survey.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Booth, supported by Langton, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted
America Runyan
Ash Township Zoning Administrator