

**KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
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**7:00 pm:** opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Tony Leuenberger, Russ Herlache, Joanne Cammin, Don Jackson, Rhonda Ferrell, and Chair Kiss. Absent, Excused: Ron Robishaw

**Approval of agenda:** Chair Kiss would like to add under Other Business: Sign Ordinance discussion. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Leuenberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes of February 9, 2015 :** Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Cammin. Motion carried.

**Approval of special meeting minutes of February 23, 2015:** Mrs. Ferrell made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of February 23, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Leuenberger. Motion carried.

**Public comment:** no comments.

**Close public comment:**

**PA33 Committee:** no comments.

**Report from Township Board: Rhonda Ferrell:**

- The Board approved Resolution #15-001 2015 Poverty Guidelines.
- Bruce Palmer gave an overview of the Rental Inspection/License Ordinance. A motion was made to set a public hearing date for March 16, 2015.
- DPW Manager, Mike Comstock gave a history of SVSU's sewer lift station and the back-up generator. The existing generator cannot be fixed and needs to be replaced. A motion was made to approve option #2 from Helm Electric for a 36 KW generator at a cost of \$21,075. A motion was made to rent a mobile standby generator from Helm Electric for a cost not to exceed \$1,435.
- Treasurer Brewster gave an overview of Consumers Energy Efficiency Incentives and Street Light Replacement.
- Township Manager, Steve King gave an overview of potential improvements to Kochville Veteran's Hall.
- Don Jackson was appointed as an alternate to the Board of Review.

**Business Items:**

- a. **Master Plan Discussion and Recommendation:** Ms. Traxler, from McKenna Associates presented the final draft of the 2015 Master Plan Amendment for the three sub-areas and the Township wide future land use map to the Planning Commission. Ms. Traxler went over the highlighted changes within the Master Plan with the Planning Commission. Discussion continued on final changes.

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Mr. Jackson made a motion to forward the draft of the 2015 Master Plan Amendment for the three sub-areas and the Township wide future land use map dated March 9, 2015 to the Township Board for distribution and review per the requirements of the MI Planning and Enabling Act. Seconded by Mr. Herlache.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Leuenberger – Yes; Mrs. Cammin – Yes; Mr. Herlache – Yes; Mr. Jackson – Yes; Mrs. Ferrell – Yes; and Chair Kiss – Yes. Motion carried.

**Other Business:** Sign Ordinance Discussion. Chair Kiss opened up the meeting for discussion about the sign ordinance. Mr. Herlache questioned if the sign ordinance is similar to Saginaw Township. Mr. Dier, Planning stated the Township had a joint meeting with Saginaw Township, and they have a lot of similarities.

**Comments from Staff/Commission:** Mr. Dier, Planning commented that the Veterans Hall is being painted. Mr. Leuenberger questioned if we had any more complaints on outdoor wood burning stoves in a residential area. Mr. Jackson would like to see the zoning and future land use maps placed over here at the Veterans Hall. He would also like to see an updated water and sewer line map. Mrs. Ferrell reminded us of the Township Board meeting Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Chair Kiss would like to thank Sarah Traxler and Tony Dier for their hard work on the Master Plan.

**Adjourn: Next meeting: April 13, 2015:** Mr. Herlache made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chair Kiss. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Ferrell, Secretary