

aChairman Denhof called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Susan Balcom, Helen Dietrich, Dale Fedewa, Martha Fuhst, Troy Goodno & Norm VanDyke.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Dietrich to approve the agenda as amended. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

Public Comment-

None

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by Fuhst to adopt the minutes of 3/24/2014 as presented. Second-Balcom, motion carries.

New Business-

Master Plan Maps-updated maps to be included with the new Master Plan copies were presented and reviewed. A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 19 to present the updated Plan. There was a discussion of a request from Ottawa County that Chester Township adopt the standardized mapping colors. The most significant difference would be that land in the agricultural zone would appear on the map as green instead of white. There was consensus that this made the map harder to read and also gave the impression that Agricultural zoning in Chester Township had the same regulations as those in other parts of the County. Motion by Balcom to recommend to the Township Board that we keep our current color designations. Second-Fuhst, motion carries.

Old Business-

Special Use Review-an updated Agricultural Impact Statement form was reviewed and approved. The current general and specific standards used for special uses were reviewed, along with examples from other neighboring jurisdictions. Work on this item will continue at the June Meeting.

ZA Harrison reported on work being completed at Ravenna Gravel. Progress is being made in the removal of inoperable equipment, seeding of sloped areas and preparation for concrete crushing. This license will expire in September and application for renewal should begin in May. The annual inspection of S&J Sand and Gravel will be done next month.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)