The Charter Township of Orion Planning Commission held a workshop meeting in person at the Orion Township Municipality Complex Board Room, 2323 Joslyn Road on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Don Walker, PC Rep to ZBA  Don Gross, Vice-Chairman
Scott Reynolds, Chairman  Jessica Gingell, Commissioner
Kim Urbanowski, BOT Rep to PC  Derek Brackon, Commissioner
Joe St. Henry, Secretary

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**
None

1. **OPEN MEETING**
Chairman Reynolds opened the workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
As noted

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:**
Rodney Arroyo, (Township Planner) of Giffels Webster
Mark Landis (Township Engineer) of Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment, Inc.
Tammy Girling, Township Planning & Zoning Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**
Jeff McComb  Erin McComb

3. **AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL**
Moved by Trustee Urbanowski, seconded by Commissioner Gingell, to approve the agenda as presented.

4. **NEW BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
A. PC-2021-07, 5 Year Master Plan Update

Planner Arroyo went over changes since the last Workshop meeting which incorporated what was discussed and comments received from Vice-Chairman Gross, Trustee Urbanowski, and Chairman Reynolds and covered:

- Expanding on PUDs
- The importance of creating places like pocket parks and common spaces
- Updates to the Future Land Use Map
- The tourism section was removed but added another section – the importance of having people visit but not overcrowding (balance)

Vice-Chairman Gross had a concern about the statistics provided by SEMCOG as it relates to population and employment, and that it didn’t appear correct. There was discussion on the numbers and it was decided to add a comment that the Township anticipates their numbers to be higher.
Vice-Chairman Gross stated that there were two citizen’s letters from property owners regarding their Future Land Use distinction. Vice-Chairman Gross thought that they had good points. It was decided to discuss that at the 7 p.m. PC meeting.

Commissioner Walker commented on the tree and fence ordinances. Planner Arroyo suggested adding it to the goal and objections section to review the screening section of the Zoning Ordinance to promote natural screening. The Members agreed.

Commissioner Gingell suggested adding to the Distinct Natural Corridors to both Waldon & Clarkston Roads.

Trustee Urbanowski questioned the listing of a sports complex. Planner Arroyo explained the Chesapeake study, he showed it could be viable addition based on population.

Secretary St. Henry said that he supported multiple housing options if they are in the correct places.

Planner Arroyo suggested a text amendment should be done to allow different types of multi-family.

Mr. Jeff Macomb at 3580 Gregory Rd. requested a change in the Future Land Use Map for his property on the north side of Gregory Rd. because all surrounding properties are smaller than SE (165-ft. 1.5 acres) and it has R-2 zoning surrounding it on all sides.

5. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Chairman Reynolds, seconded by Trustee Urbanowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Walton
PC/ZBA Recording Secretary
Charter Township of Orion

February 2, 2022