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PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
Scott Reynolds, Chairman
Don Gross, Vice Chairman
Kim Urbanowski, BOT Rep to PC

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:
Don Walker, PC Rep to ZBA

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:
Alissa Starling, (Township Planner) of Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc.
Mark Landis (Township Engineer) of Orchard, Hiltz, and Mccliment, Inc.
Tammy Girling, Township Planning & Zoning Director

OTHERS PRESENT:
Michele Chirco
Frances Rose
Steve Pangori
Daniel Johnson
Shamik Tripathi
Mark Perkoski
Ken Burns
Peter Paveh
DeMarcas Garrett

Chairman Reynolds asked Planning & Zoning Director Girling to give an overview of this agenda item.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that they try to, once a year, look at inconsistencies in the ordinance or any changes in the industry and make the appropriate changes. She added that they have in front of them a summary but for the purpose of the public hearing she will briefly go over it.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 2, which is the definition section had a normal new change in the law changed the definition of child family daycare home, child group daycare home, and daycare home family. She added that regarding livestock they already had a definition and there is a way they have been applying it, but it raised a number of questions, so they clarified that by adding in the word poultry. She understood that there were a number of Planning Commission members that wanted to talk about a further text amendment, this was just to make it clear what they have now, and they can have further discussions. They were assigned a committee to work on fences which made them have to look at their definition of double frontage lots which they changed to multi-frontage. It also changed the definition of lot lines. Their definition of a mezzanine was not the same as the building code, so they updated that. Related to the whole chicken thing they changed the definition within the private stable.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated Article 3 the had a list of all the zoning districts they were missing one.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that in Article 9 they found that they didn’t list a certain zoning category if it was adjacent to it what the setbacks were, so they added that. They changed the wording in
the regulations for covered trash receptacles, they were looking at being a little more lenient on what would be acceptable.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 11 was the same as Article 9, they changed a district that was missing, and they changed the regulations on trash receptacles.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 14, the same thing they added the district that was missing and changed the trash receptacle.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 16 changed the wording for trash receptacle.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 18 was a little more drastic than the other ones, they had a problem with the wording in the preamble, so they reworded it and moved some words around. They didn't list Lapeer Overlay District uses so they have that within there. They changed the wording on Minimum Parcel Size, Access, Off-Street Parking, Landscaping, and Covered Trash Receptacles.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that in Article 19 there was a district missing like the other categories. They changed the wording on trash receptacles and corrected a spelling error.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 20 changed the working on trash receptacles.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 21 added the district that was missing and changed the wording on covered trash receptacles.

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Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that in Article 24 they added the district that was missing and changed the wording on trash receptacles.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 25 corrected a height in the IP district that was changed within the actual article for (IP) but was missing within the schedule of regulations.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 27 changed the wording on detached accessory buildings, Fire Protection Water Supply Standards, signs, projections, and fences/walls.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 29 changed the wording and regulations for the time frame for approval of a ZBA action.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 30 changed the wording and regulations for site plans, special land use, and PUD procedures and standards. They added recreational use as a use that is permitted in a PUD.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling stated that Article 34 added a district to the list that was missing and changed the wording on a trash receptacle.

Planning & Zoning Director Girling said that Article 35 changed the wording on trash receptacle.

Chairman Reynolds asked if there were any citizens present that have any questions or comments during the public hearing portion.
Chairman Reynolds asked if there were any citizen’s letters received. Planning & Zoning Director Girling replied no.

Chairman Reynolds closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Walton
PC/ZBA Recording Secretary
Charter Township of Orion

April 5, 2023
Planning Commission Approval Date