

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2013**

Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: McKenna, Budd, Kelley, Boynton, Johnson, Guenther and Thompson. Staff Present: Secretary Harman. McKenna Associate present: Sally Hodges. There were 6 people in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion McKenna, Boynton second to approve the agenda of October 9, 2013 as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion Boynton, McKenna second to approve the minutes of September 25, 2013 as presented.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM #1 CASE# SUP 13-002

TITLE: THE APPLICANT, DTE ENERGY, IS REQUESTING SPECIAL USE APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 30 INCH "PIG TRAP" FOR MAINTNANCE OF UNDERGROUND PIPELINE FACILITIES.

LOCATION: PARCEL NUMBER V125-83-045-99-0001-701. THIS SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HANNAN AND ECORSE ROAD.

Motion Budd, McKenna second to open the public hearing. Motion Carried.

Tom Dahlman of DTE Gas Company gave the presentation for the applicant regarding special use approval for the construction of a 30 inch pig trap for maintenance of underground pipeline facilities. The pig launcher will be used every seven (7) years to inspect the pipeline to ensure continued service. The applicant displayed a color rendering of the site and existing pipeline, discussed landscaping, vehicles on the site and screening.

Commissioners inquired about traffic and vehicles at the site, stormwater drainage, the open drain located on the property, landscaping and buffering, future sidewalks along the north side of the property, and also discussed the future development of the remainder of the property.

No comments from the audience.

Motion McKenna, Boynton second to close the public hearing. Motion Carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Kelley informed members of a sign falling down across from apartments being torn down on Rawsonville Road. Director Mullen has informed Ypsilanti Township of the concern.

Commissioner Boynton stated that he attended the Michigan Association of Planning Conference held in Kalamazoo, and he encouraged fellow commission members to attend in the future.

Commissioner McKenna commented on the reskinning work on Burger King, and he stated that many people in the area like the work being done and would like to see more in the Township. Commissioner Budd informed everyone that Applebee's also has improvements inside such as new paint and pictures.

Motion Boynton, McKenna second to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman,
Recording Secretary