

**Minutes**  
Cascade Charter Township  
Planning Commission  
Composting-Use Sub-Committee  
Tuesday May 19, 2022  
7:30 A.M.  
5920 Tahoe Dr.

**ARTICLE 1.** Member Rissi called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M.  
Members Present: Rissi, Rapin, Deering, Korstange  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Planning Director Brian Hilbrands, Management Office Administrative Assistant Jessica Stine, and Leslie Abdoo of Foster & Swift

**ARTICLE 2. Approve the Current Agenda**  
**Motion was made by Member Deering to approve the current Agenda. Supported by Member Rapin. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 3. Disclose any Conflicts of Interest**  
There weren't any conflicts of interest disclosed.

**ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak on non-agenda items.**  
There weren't any visitors who wished to speak.

**ARTICLE 5. Review Draft Zoning Amendments for Composting**  
The committee went through the draft zoning amendment to view the changes since the last meeting and clarify parts that were confusing or didn't accurately reflect their intent.  
  
On page one, the agricultural and personal sections were combined. Member Korstange suggested adding 'wood chips' to the composting intake list. Member Rissi brought up item t on page two, regarding allowance of vermiculture in the transitional industrial zoning district. Planning Director Hilbrands said that it would not be allowed there as that district also allows for businesses and commercial ventures, not just industrial uses. Member Korstange asked about the equipment operation and distribution times in t5 and recommended changing 'be done' to 'occur'.  
  
In item t8, Member Rissi suggested changing 'as requested by the township' to more position specific phrasing. Planning Director Hilbrands said that making it position specific was more restrictive than their aim because they want any entity at the township to be able to request a review of the facility.  
  
For item t10, Planning Director Hilbrands suggested that larger operations be allowed to take place in the industrial zoned areas of the township and not have as many restrictions as the agricultural zoned areas. Member Rissi suggested that, rather than

just decreasing the restrictions on the operations, they change the text to, 'permitted in industrial zoned areas at the discretion of the township'.

Member Rapin recommended merging items t11 and t7 to decrease the number of sections. Planning Director Hilbrands suggested just calling out the aeration in 11 and adding that as a line in item 7.

Member Rissi said that, in item t12, they should call out which specific worms are allowed for vermiculture under this zoning amendment rather than only requiring them to be considered 'non-invasive'. They decided to list out the two species of worms that are allowed in item t12 and added 'and other species of worm native to Michigan, with the approval of the Planning Commission.

**ARTICLE 8. Next Sub-Committee Meetings Schedule**

This was tentatively considered the last meeting of this subcommittee at that time. This amendment now goes to the Planning Commission who will hold a public hearing and then recommend the amendment to the board. The meeting will have to be noticed for two weeks and then will go to the Township Board.

Abdoo will send a letter to the Wormies explaining where they are in the approval process and reach out to the board to see if they can allow the worms of Wormies one feeding as they have been very accommodating.

**ARTICLE 9. Any Other Business**

There was not any other business to discuss.

**ARTICLE 10. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak.**

There were not any visitors who wished to speak.

**ARTICLE 11. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Member Rapin to adjourn. Supported by Member Deering. Motion carried 4 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Stine, Management Office Administrative Assistant