

**Minutes**  
Cascade Charter Township  
Planning Commission  
Monday, December 5, 2022  
7:00 P.M.  
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE

**ARTICLE 1.** Chair Noordyke called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.  
Members Present: Noordhoek, Rissi, Moxley, Noordyke, Deering, Korstange, Engel  
Members Excused: Rapin  
Members Absent: Rowland  
Others Present: Planning Director Brian Hilbrands and those listed on the sign-in sheet.

**ARTICLE 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**ARTICLE 3. Approve the current Agenda**

**Motion was made by Member Engel to approve the current agenda. Supported by Member Deering. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2022 Meeting**

Member Korstange requested that Article 7 include language stating that the Parks Committee requested the Township Board set aside \$1 million for park acquisition.

Member Korstange suggested that the last paragraph of Article 9, regarding the Airport Access Study, be changed to include the Planning Commission's request for the subcommittee to come up with three options to bring back to them: the first option was to leave the area as is (future land use industrial), the second being to only allow ARC uses, and the third being a blended option. Member Rissi agreed with Member Korstange.

**Motion was made by Member Korstange to approve the November 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes with the two aforementioned changes. Supported by Member Rissi. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 5. Disclose any conflict of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**ARTICLE 6. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak**

There were no visitors that wished to speak.

**ARTICLE 7. Review of Proposed Amendments to Major Street Plan**

Planning Director Hilbrands provided a table of their suggested changes to summarize which streets would be reclassified from local to collector roads. This was mainly concerning industrial areas where special uses allowing trucking terminals would be permitted. He used the Kent County truck route map as a guide. Member Rissi asked if

John J Oostema Blvd and Tim Dougherty Dr should be added to the map. Planning Director Hilbrands said that they could be added, but that they are not through-roads.

Member Rissi asked if, when Whitneyville was reconstructed, it was to an 'all-weather' standard because he believed it was a class A road during the winter for a while and then he thought that was rescinded when the bridge over the river was constructed. Planning Director Hilbrands stated that it is still shown on the KCRC map to be a truck route.

Member Noordhoek did not believe it should be listed as a collector route, but Planning Director Hilbrands said it meets the definition of a collector route and is also listed as a truck route. He also pointed out that changing it to a local road rather than a collector road would make the golf course legal nonconforming.

**Motion was made by Member Rissi to accept the proposed changes with the addition of John J Oostema Blvd and Tim Dougherty Dr to also be reclassified as collector roads. Supported by Member Korstange. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

The Major Street Plan will be noticed and a public meeting will be held.

**ARTICLE 8. Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Planning Director Hilbrands presented the 2023 draft meeting schedule to the Planning Commission and pointed out the dates that would be changed due to when the holidays fell. The members requested the meeting set to take place on MLK Day be moved as it is a federal holiday, even though the township offices will still be open. Chair Noordyke and Member Rissi asked questions about what months meetings tend to be cancelled and Administrative Assistant Stine said she would find that information and pass it along.

**Motion was made by Member Engel to approve the meeting schedule with the date change for the meeting that was set to take place on MLK Day. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

**ARTICLE 9. Old Business**

There wasn't any old business to discuss.

**ARTICLE 10. Any Other Business**

Chair Noordyke said that there aren't any cases on the agenda for the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, so this meeting will be the last one of the year. A meeting cancellation notice will be posted in the coming days.

Chair Noordyke asked the commission members to go through the Strategic Plan and the Master Plan to find areas that don't align, for discussion at either the January 9<sup>th</sup> or January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is at the request of Supervisor Lesperance.

The next AC Zoning subcommittee meeting will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ARTICLE 11. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak.**

There was no one that wished to speak.

**ARTICLE 12. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Member Rissi to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Engel. Motion carried 7 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diedre Deering, Secretary