

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Augusta Charter Township**  
**Regular Planning Commission Meeting**

Township Hall  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chie at 6:30 p.m. In the absence of Secretary Green Cath Howard was appointed temporary Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited

**3. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors**

Present: Yurk, Chie, Bennett, Newsome, Woolf, Howard. Absent: Green

Planner Laura Kreps had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend the meeting. Melissa Kalnasy another planner from Carlisle-Wortman attended in her place. The petitioners Jeff and Rhonda Selter were not present and there were no members of the public present.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Bennett moved to approve the agenda, Support by Woolf. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2019**

Motion by Bennet, Support by Woolf. Motion carried

**6. Business Items.**

Bennett moved to approve the acceptance of PA-19-01 – Selter, 9650 Tuttlehill (T-20-10-400-004) and PA-19-02 – Selter, Tuttlehill (T-20-10-400-008 and T-20-10-300-009).

For a 10 year abatement through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program, Second by Newsome.

Discussion: Woolf questioned whether the petitioners actually lived on the property and farmed it, because the deed was recent (2018). This is a requirement of the Farmland and Open Space Program. Chie and Howard were certain that they did and Yurk noted that it was listed as the petitioners' home address on the application. Also Planner Kreps had indicated in her written communications and to her representative that the Selters had met all the requirements. Woolf recommended that moving forward we try to ensure that the petitioners are present at the meetings when we are considering these items so that we can direct our questions to them directly and not have to table. It was agreed that this was typically the way things were done and that all efforts should be made to have the petitioners present, and the Planner agreed to present that to Ms. Kreps. It was the consensus of the Commission members that the Planner would not have presented the petition if they did not fully qualify. The motion carried.

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Communications:** None

**9.** Motion to Adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Newsome, Support by Woolf. Motion carries.

**Submitted Thursday August 22, 2019 by Cathryn Antkowiak-Howard (Cath Howard)**

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