

**Niles Charter Township
Planning Commission
May 10, 2011
Public Hearing
Master Plan**

Chairman Smothermon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township hall 320 Bell Road, Niles, Michigan.

Roll Call:

- Present: Bybee, Cooper, Durm, Hartman, McNelis, Spurlock, Strefling, Smothermon
- Absent: Ellis
- Others Present: Woodrick

Public Hearing:

- Chairman Smothermon opened the Master Plan Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Cooper motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Future Land Use discussion of the Master Plan in unfinished business, Hartman supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes April 12, 2011: Durm motioned to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting as written, Bybee supported the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence/Announcements:

Commission: None.

Zoning Administrator: Woodrick announced attendance to the Complete Streets Workshop with Hartman and Ellis. Commission discussion of program.

Public Hearing:

- Cooper made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m., McNelis supported.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business:

Master Plan Update: Hartman advised the commission of the new amendments to both the Michigan Transportation Fund Law (Act 51) and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33) requiring community master plans to address all transportation needs including street accommodation and coordination with neighboring communities and road agencies. Hartman requested that an additional bullet point be added to page 41 in reference to the Complete Streets mandate. Suggested wording given.
Commission discussion of Future Land Use map changes for the Fort Street area concluded with agreement to add a new land use description of Light Industrial for that area.
An updated listing of area businesses is still needed from Shelley Klug with S.M.E.G.A. Hartman will contact Ms. Klug.

Durm motioned to approve the three items as proposed.
Additional discussion of light industrial business types.
Durm withdrew his motion.

Spurlock motioned to approve items one through three as discussed: Add bullet point to page 41. "Consider the needs of all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, seniors, people with disabilities and children on future transportation plans". Map corrections for the Fort Street industrial area between 3rd Street and 11th Street to a new zoning type of Light Industrial. Jay Kilpatrick, Township Planner will design and present new classification

for approval. Update pages 12 and 13 of the Master Plan to reflect businesses that are still open or have closed with information provided by Shelley Klug with S.M.E.G.A. Durm supported the motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Bybee, Cooper, Durm, Hartman, McNelis, Spurlock, Strefling, Smothermon
NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business: None.

Miscellaneous: None.

Hartman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., supported by Strefling.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Woodrick, Zoning Administrator