

Niles Charter Township Planning Commission
June 13, 2017
Special Meeting

Chairman Smothermon called the special joint meeting with the Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road, Niles, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited.

Roll Call:

- Present: Smothermon, Strefling, Spurlock, McNelis, Conover, Cooper, Durm, Ringler, Pulaski, Vella, Stover
- Absent: Eull and Hoese (Hoese arrived at 6:50 pm)
- Others Present: ZA Hartman and RS Ernsberger
- Guests: Lynn Kellogg

Approval of Agenda: Conover motioned to approve the June 13, 2017 Niles Charter Township Planning Commission special meeting Agenda as written, Spurlock seconded the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments: None

Presentation:

A Livable Communities Presentation was presented by Lynn Kellogg. To summarize, this presentation is to build awareness, not only locally, but nationally, create an appetite for livable communities throughout the County, State and Country, and to get these thoughts to infiltrate our community boards. Livable Communities promote ease of healthy living and quality of life. Boards are asked to build on assets, set a goal of interdependence, create walking/biking ability within your community and to know your demographics. People live longer and our communities are intergenerational. Community leaders need to plan for all ages. There are several points to consider, such as community activities, culture, health and supportive services, housing, public safety and planning/zoning. Plan for a future, know your laws/ordinances and change when necessary; begin working toward a more livable community.

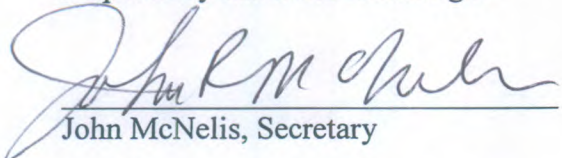
Mr. Ringler added that Southwest Michigan Strategic Leadership Council has many committees with specific purposes such as Livable Communities. But, as a group they look at community improvements as whole in Southwest Michigan which brings townships, villages and cities together to work as a whole. The Commission is looking to improve Southwest Michigan's quality of life, education, economic development and local governments.

Other Business: None

Adjournment

Spurlock motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m., Durm seconded the motion.
All voting in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared by Recorder Ernsberger


John McNelis, Secretary

Approval Date: 8-8-17