1. Meeting called to order

2. Roll Call:

Present: Zuniga, Longcore, Schut
Absent: Westerling, Adams, Kleinjans, Zeinstra
Staff present: Ransford

3. Received for Information: None.

4. The August 5, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes were not approved due to the presence of only three Commissioners.

5. Motion by Longcore to approve the August 19, 2019 Agenda. Seconded by Zuniga. Approved 3-0.

6. Public Comments for non-public hearing items: Chairperson Longcore opened the comment period for non-public hearing items. There being no comments, Chairperson Longcore closed the public comment period.

7. Public Hearings: None.

8. Site Plan Review: None.


10. New Business:
A. Kennels by right within the AG District and RE District

    Planner Ransford provided details of an incident that resulted in the need for this upcoming Public Hearing. Numerous complaints were received about dogs and their kennels of a particular property from neighbors. This property keeps these kennels below the county’s standard. Currently, kennels are regulated the same as farm animals.

    The Commission discussed the difference between farm animals, domestic pets, and animals bred for both consumption and commercial use. They also discussed the implications of dogs and cats on a farm, the definition of a kennel, and whether dogs and cats could be classified as livestock, particularly in the case of breeding a dog to sell its puppies. Five dogs and/or cats are allowed per household.

    A public hearing has been scheduled for the September 3, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to consider amending the use of kennels from a use-by-right to a special use within AG District and RE District.

B. Final Plat Procedures

    The Planning Commission discussed whether both the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees should review the Final Plat. The Commission discussed the implications of this procedure and agreed that they will no longer review the Final Plat.

    Planner Ransford will schedule appropriate language for an amendment.
11. Public Comments: Chairperson Longcore opened the public comment period. He closed the public comment period due to no comments.

12. Township Board Reports: Mr. Zeinstra was not present at this meeting.

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments:
   A. Small Cell Wireless Communication Facilities

   Planner Ransford explained why an applicant would want to build a small cell wireless communication facility. The state of Michigan governs the ability to build a facility. If there is evidence of need, one may be built. These facilities are placed in close proximity of each other, and typically are not on private property. The Commission discussed where they are placed and what they typically look like.

   A public hearing has been scheduled for the September 3, 2019 Planning Commission meeting to consider language regulating small cell facilities.

14. Chairperson Longcore adjourned at 7:36pm.

   Next meeting September 3 at 7:00 p.m.