

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
Amendment 23
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN COMMISSION TO ADDRESS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, PROGRAMS, STEWARDSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY, OUTREACH AND SIMILAR ISSUES IN AND FOR THE RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, the Environmental Leadership Commission, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I: TITLE:

This Ordinance shall be known and may be referred to as the Charter Township of Plymouth Environmental Leadership Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be placed in Chapter II of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Plymouth.

SECTION II: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.

(a) Purpose.

The Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission (hereafter "commission") exists to enhance understanding and encourage practices that lead to a clean, sustainable, environmentally responsible, and healthy community by:

- (1) Educating residents, businesses and guests regarding environmental stewardship and awareness, environmental policies, sustainability, and best practices.
- (2) Partnering with individuals, government agencies, businesses, and allied environmental organizations to promote community participation in local environmental protection, awareness, education, and enhancement projects and initiatives.
- (3) Serving as a resource for information to answer questions from residents of the Township and others about environmental protection issues and policies.

(b) Established, appointment of members.

(1) There is hereby established a Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission. The commission shall have up to (9) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Supervisor for staggered terms of three (3) years. The Supervisor may terminate the appointment of any member who has been absent from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the commission without prior excuse.

(c) Duties and powers.

- (1) To actively promote the purpose of the commission.
- (2) To serve as a coordinating body for the purpose of educating Township residents, businesses, and guests about environmental issues and policies impacting Township life.
- (3) To work with the Township to identify and address conditions, policies, or practices that may enhance or detract from a healthy, sustainable community.
- (4) To work with the Township to create conditions, to establish policies and practices, and to develop or adopt programs which will enhance understanding and encourage practices that lead to a healthy, clean, and sustainable community.
- (5) To render advice, and to monitor and evaluate Township policies, practices, and procedures which affect the environmental quality and sustainability efforts within the Township.
- (6) To assist the Township in its efforts to comply with environmental codes, ordinances, regulations and statutes from local, county, state or federal authorities.
- (7) To promote community participation in local environmental sustainability, cleanup, restoration, and public education efforts.
- (8) To monitor and promote public awareness of water quality issues in creeks, rivers, and wetlands within the Township.
- (9) To monitor and promote public awareness of recycling, waste management, best practices, and similar sustainability efforts within the Township.
- (10) To serve as a resource for information about environmental policies and practices. As part of this, the commission may engage in public education projects, hold meetings, and conduct workshops.

(d) Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.

- (1) Members of the commission shall be residents of the Township who are eligible for appointive office. All members of the commission shall be voting members of the commission.
- (2) The commission shall annually elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary from among its members. An elected officer or employee of the Township selected by the Supervisor may serve as an administrative liaison to the commission as needed.
- (3) The commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold one (1) regular meeting at least annually. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, or by a majority of members of the commission upon written notice received by each member at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.
- (4) The commission shall make and amend rules and procedures governing its organization (hereafter "bylaws") that are not inconsistent with the Charter, this chapter, this section, or any other Township ordinance. The bylaws adopted by the commission shall not be effective until the bylaws are approved by the Supervisor. Any amendment to the bylaws shall not be effective until the amendment is approved by the Supervisor.
- (5) The commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and transactions and shall submit an annual report to the Township Board of Trustees.
- (6) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for regular and/or special meetings. The concurring vote of a majority of a quorum of commission members present at a meeting shall be necessary for the commission to take action.
- (7) The commission shall comply with State law, including but not limited to the Michigan Open Meetings Act and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.
- (8) All members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

SECTION III. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any other provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed \$100.00.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of June, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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