

**Cambridge Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2014**

**Regular Meeting**

Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM, by Chairman Ken Gidner.

**Roll Call**

Present were Commissioners: Ken Gidner, Tom Van Wagner, Rick Streams, Ed Plentz, Bob Matejewski, Otis Garrison, Rod Kurowski, Theresa Friess, and Kathy Kelley

**Secretaries Report**

Motion by Rod Kurowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otis Garrison to accept the Minutes of the last Meeting (July 30, 2014)  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Caywood Propane – Site Plan Review

The formal Site Plan proposed the construction, maintenance, and the ongoing operation of a 30,000 Gallon Propane Storage Facility on 1.837 acres of land (1.532 acres after allowing for the easement to the State of Michigan for US 12) situated at the corner of US 12 and Ray's Drive in Cambridge Township, Onsted, Michigan.

- Although this was not a "PUBLIC HEARING", in addition to Chris Caywood, Co-owner of Caywood Propane Gas, Inc. and Scott Tonkin of Altogas – there was nearly an overflow attendance of primarily Ray's Drive area residents.

Chris Caywood and Scott Tonkin spoke regarding:

- The good safety records of such facilities
- The business need
- Likening the request as the same as wanting to build a Gas Station at this location

From the general public, in attendance, nearly a dozen spoke regarding oppositions to the Caywood Propane proposal:

- Roads not suitable for additional heavy truck traffic
- Fire and other safety concerns generally associated with Propane Transfer Sites.
- Homeland Security Issues
- Possible Terrorist Target
- Which Fire Dept. would respond to an emergency/special training
- Product Additives emit bad smells / odors
- High priced Lake Property being used for Industrial purposes
- Possible Land devaluation

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- If Caywood Propane sold out to another company – would new owners maintain the standards promised by Chris Caywood
- Truck Traffic possibly using Pentecost Highway as a “cut through” for US 12 to M 50
- Ed Plentz motioned to deny, not approve the Caywood Propane Site Plan – as submitted.  
Rick Streams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- Chairman - Ken Gidner requested a vote by the Commissioners.

Kathy Kelley -	NO
Ed Plentz -	YES
Tom Van Wagner -	YES
Otis Garrison -	NO
Ken Gidner -	NO
Rick Streams -	YES
Theresa Friess -	YES
Bob Matejewski -	YES
Rod Kurowski -	NO
- ✓ Motion to **DENY**, Caywood Propane Site Plan passes with the majority of 5 – YES Votes.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Kathy Kelly. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Friess to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Rick Streams, Secretary