

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuscola County Administration Building
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

MINUTES

4:00 p.m. – February 9, 2011
(Rescheduled due to major storm)
Commissioners Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Vice Chair, Ione Vyse called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL –

- A. In attendance: Members – Delores Damm, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Donald Richards, Ione Vyse, and Board Representative Commissioner Gerald Peterson.
- B. Absent Excused: Keith Kosik, Joe Robbins, Lonnie Kester
- C. Guests: Bill Campbell

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Dworzecki to “approve the Minutes of January 5, 2011 as written”. Seconded by Don. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Richards to “approve the Agenda as amended with additions to Section VI – COMMUNICATIONS:

- B. Notification/PA116 Cancellation from Denmark Township
- C. Letter from American Farmland Trust
- D. Invitation from Paradigm
- E. Wells Township notification letter

Motion by Richards to “approve the revised Agenda”. Seconded by Dworzecki. Motion Carried

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- A. E-Mail Communications – None
- B. Notification Letter from Denmark Township concerning a cancelled PA116 will be put on file.
- C. American Farmland Trust letter and information sheet concerning a parcel of land in PA116 that was sold by owner and proceeds donated to the Farmland Trust and will be used within the State to continue preserving farmland. Noted and filed.
- D. Invitation from Paradigm, a gas and pipeline company, to attend a free dinner and informational program. It will be in March at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Discussion followed and Dworzecki will try to attend.
- E. Notification from Wells Township in regard to completion of their Master Plan. Vyse and Richards both noted several members from Wells Township attended the Master Plan Training in 2009.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Airport Ordinance Update-Vyse reported the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals still has seats to be filled. Airport Zoning Ordinance became effective as of January 1, 2011.

- B. Thumb Regional Renewable Energy Collaborative Support Letter has been approved, signed and Vyse will send to municipalities. Review of letter and discussion.
- C. Michigan Medical Marijuana Letter – A follow up letter has been developed to encourage municipalities to recognize the importance of planning for this new development that will impact cities, villages and townships. Refers to Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008. Vyse will combine B and C mailings.


VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. PA 116 Process Request from Ms. Sherwood, MDA complimenting the commission on the efficient form and the manner used for review of PA 116's. Elizabeth Juras from MDA, requested current Farmland and Open Space Preservation program information to complete a status report. Damm supplied the information to her.
 - B. E-mail regarding questions concerning Aerial Photographs. Vyse responded to the inquiry with necessary information.
 - C. PA 116 Request from Ed/Melanie Zimba, Kingston Twp./Sec.16/37.68Acres
 - D. PA 116 Request from Ed/Melanie Zimba, Kingston Twp./Sec.16/27.22Acres
 - E. PA 116 Request from William & Sally/Matthew & Janet Zimba, Kingston Twp./Sec.9/88.47Acres
- The PA 116's had been previously reviewed by the committee and found to be in order.
Richards moved that Items C, D, and E be recommended for approval.
Seconded by Damm. Motion Carried.

IX. OTHER, ON GOING BUSINESS:

- A. Education/ Training – No Report
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission: No Report
- C. Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative: Dworzecki gave an update on a survey and teaching module being work on. Information updates on the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- D. Township Communications: No Report
- E. EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments): Dworzecki gave update on meeting information. And reported on TLAG.
- F. State Law Information Review: No Report
- G. 2011 Budget: Richards questioned why money from events and programs is put into the General Fund. It was suggested there needs to be a line item for Income/Donations. Commissioner Peterson suggested discussing the matter with Controller Hoagland.

Meeting Adjourned: Vice Chairman Vyse adjourned the meeting at 5:01 P.M.


Delores Damm, Secretary


Keith Kosik, Chairman