

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 4:30 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The March meeting was called to order by Chairperson Keith Kosik at 4:30 pm followed by the pledge to the flag .

- II. ROLL CALL – Members present: Zygmunt Dworzecki, Cindy Kapa, Lonnie Kester, Keith Kosic, Don Richards, and Ione Vyse, and Board Representative-Jerry Peterson. Bill Thayer arrived at 4:40 pm.
Bill Cambell was our only guest.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Zygmunt Dworzecki made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Don Richards. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

Items added: Water Meeting Report under Item VI. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Don Richards, second by Zygmunt Dworzeck. Motion Carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bill Campbell invited the planning commission to attend all or part of an information gathering session presented by Mark Wycoff and Peter Maurie on Tuesday March 13, from 9 to 5, at the Joy Street Offices of Indianfields Township. The meeting will be in regard to watersheds and water quality. Those supervisors, zoning administrators and others from municipalities along the Cass River have been invited to attend.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Zygmunt Dworzecki gave a report on meeting he attended in Bad Axe pertaining to opening a deep water seaport and making international trade zones in the area.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Area of Representation Choices** – Each member received their original request list as well as a map showing the Municipalities as tentatively assigned for final approval. It was explained that each was given at least 4 of their first choices. All members agreed to the assignments. A listing for each member's municipalities along with days and meeting times will be made available.

- B. **General Development Plan Update** – As we are due to review and update the County's General Development Plan, it was decided to have each member review a chapter looking for typos and other points that might need correction or updating. Members volunteered for the following: Chapter 1 - Don Richards, Chapter 2 - Cindy Kapa, Chapter 3 - Zygmunt Dworzecki, Chapter 4 – Lonnie Kester, Chapter 5 – Ione Vyse, Chapter 6 – Keith Kosik, and Appendix – Bill Thayer. A suggestion was made by Don Richards that we look at the goals and objectives to see if we are meeting them. It will appear on the agenda next month.
A pamphlet pertaining to the 5 year review is available from MSU (Schindlers list). This information should be made available to all municipalities who are reviewing or updating master plans.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. PA 116 Application, Jay & Lisa Rodammer, 50 Acres, Section 24, Arbela Township. Cindy Kapka moved to recommend approval of the application, second by Lonnie Kester. Motion Carried.

B. PA 116 Application, Richard & Bonnie, Wiacek, 77.4 Acres, Section 36, Tuscola Township. Lonnie Kester moved to recommend approval after corrections to question 16 b, (Acre disbursement do not add up to total acres of the farm) and the inclusion of the last Tax bill or Assesment.

C. Planning Commission Newsletter: Ione Vyse discussed the possibility of our group preparing a news letter as a way to better inform the municipalities about items pertinate to the area. Don Richards moved to begin a semi-annual or as needed newsletter. Lonnie Kester seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

IX. OTHER, ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Education/Training:

Don Richards reported that we had no registrations for our planned seminar on Saturday, March 10 so the program was canceled. We will be receiving a \$260 refund from the speaker. Cost outlay, \$150 for speaker expenses and \$42 for a newspaper ad. Reasons for the lack of response were discussed.

Parks & Recreation:

Cindy Capa reported that the January Parks and Rec meeting was canceled because of the weather. The group is asking for help in updating their master plan. Ione Vyse will show Cindy where materials are available in the Library.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:

Zygmunt Dworzecki reported on a grant received.

Township Communications:

Ione Vyse indicated that the Densmore Township Clerk requested information regarding how to do PA116 renewals. He was given a contact at the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Bill Campbell reminded the group about the FEMA requirement for an ordinance relating to Flood Plain Insurance.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):

Zygmunt Dworzecki reported on the activities of the group.

State Law Information Review:

A bill about Industrial Enterprise Zones has been passed through the house. Zygmunt Dworzecki indicated that he would keep tabs on the bills progress.

2012 Budget Review:

The January budget sheet was included in the packet. It was noted that the employee training allotment had been halved.

The Member Contact List was updated with cell phone number. The List will be reprinted for next month.

X. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.



Keith Kosik, Chairman



Ione K. Vyse, Secretary