

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48728

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 @ 4:30 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The July meeting was called to order at 4:31 by Secretary Ione Vyse, followed by the pledge to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL – Members present Nancy Barrios, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Cynthia Kapa, Lonnie Kester, Ione Vyse, and Board Representative - Jerry Peterson. Bill Thayer and Keith Kosik (exc.) were absent. Bill Campbell was our guest.

Nancy Barrios was introduced and welcomed as our newest member. She was presented with her notebook containing the county comprehensive development plan, the planning and zoning laws, by-laws, policies and other relevant materials.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approved the minutes of June 6, 2012 as written was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Cindy Kapa. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Amendments and Additions: A letter from Ellington Township and a State Water Survey were added under New Business. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Lonnie Kester and seconded by Nancy Barrios. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bill Campbell showed us the flood plain map for Indianfields township and made the contact information available to us.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

No communications received.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

A. The policy regarding document retention for communications regarding master plans and zoning ordinances was presented and discussed. Lonnie Kester moved to adopt the document retention policy as written. Second by Cindy Kapa. Motion carried.

B. It was noted that Denmark Township had sent us the missing PA116 data from last month.

C. A request for a copy of the Indianfields township masterplan by a resident was complied with.

D. Proposed changes to the General Development Plan were review and discussed. It was decided by consensus to make the changes in chapter 4 even though they would require the re-printing of colored pages which will be done in-house. The review process appears to be going smoothly and we are on track to meet our self imposed deadline.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

A. PA 116 Application, Gilford Township, Alan & Emma Findlay, 53 1/3 acres Section 33

B. PA 116 Application, Gilford Township, Richard & Nancy Sylvester, 64 acres, Section 11

C. PA 116 Application, Akron Township, Troy Vermeersch (1), 18.4 acres, Section 17

D. PA 116 Application, Akron Township, Troy Vermeersch (2), 20.3 acres, Section 17

A motion to recommend approval of items A-D with the notation that several items in the application for Allan and Emma Findlay need completion, was made by Lonnie Kester and seconded by Cindy Kapa.

Motion Carried.

- E. It is noted that Novesta Township has sent us a notice of intent to create masterplan.
- F. A webinar regarding Land Division was discussed. As the County Planning Commission does not deal with land division, it was determined that attendees could not be reimbursed by our training fund.
- G. Lonnie Kester moved to elect Zygmunt Dworzecki to fill the vacancy of Vice Chair created by Don Richarsons resignation. Second by Cindy Kapa. As there were no other nominations, a voice vote was held and Zygy was elected as Vice Chair.
- H. Nancy Barrios was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Master Plan subcommittee. Bill Thayer was appointed to fill the other vacant seat on the Zoning Ordinance subcommittee.
- I. Ellington Township has notified us of their master plan public hearing.
- J. A Water Survey was passed to the planning commission by the County Clerk. Zygy was ask to fill out the online survey on behalf of the County.

IX. OTHER, ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Education/Training:

The Citizen Planner options were discussed with Nancy Barrios.

Parks & Recreation:

Parks and Rec has a meeting scheduled for this month. Cindy Kapa will attend.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:

Nothing New

Township Communications:

No new contacts

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):

Meeting on Friday

State Law Information Review:

It was reported that several favorable comments had been received regarding our newsletter with its law section.

2012 Budget Review:

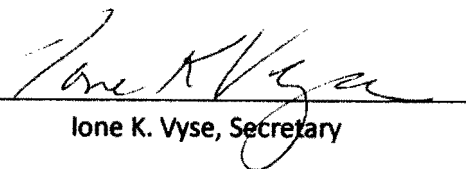
The budget was reviewed. It is noted that we appear to be within limits in all catagories.

An extended getting to know you discussion was held with each of introducing ourselves and telling a little about our background and interest and goals. This was to allow Nancy to get to know us better.

X. ADJOURN: Secretary, lone Vyse adjourned the meeting at 5:47.



Keith Kosik, Chairman



Lone K. Vyse, Secretary