

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48728

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 1, 2012 @ 4:30 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The August meeting was called to order at 4:32 by Chairman Keith Kosik, followed by the pledge to the flag.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approved the minutes of July 11, 2012 meeting as written was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Cindy Kapa. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Lonnie Kester. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bill Campbell reminded us of the August 7th election and requested all to remember to vote.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

No communications received.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

A discussion of the information to be printed on the credit page determined that it would be appropriate to list both the present Bd. Of Commissioners and the new board to be elected in November. The present and past planning commissioners will also be listed. The old vegetation map with townships marked will become our new cover with the ledgend to appear prior to the table of contents. The review process appears to be going smoothly and we are still on track to meet our self imposed deadline of Dec. 2012.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

It was noted that a letter had been received from a planning service for Elkland Township, requesting a hard copy of our Development plan along with supporting documents. The Secretary related the contents of the reply letter sent indicating that a hard copy was on file with Elkland township and was also on the Tuscola County Website for their use if they desired. The letter indicated that we were looking forward to receiving the draft copy of the Elkland Township master plan.

IX. OTHER, ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Education/Training:

A motion was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki, seconded by Cindy Kapa to pay the cost for Nancy Barrios to take the Citizen Planner course on line. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation:

Cindy Kapa reported that the parks and recreation committee are working on the review of their masterplan. Lisa Valentine is planning to resign.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:

A letter will be sent supporting the position against drawing down the water level of the great lakes.

Township Communications:

No contacts

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):

Meeting on Friday at the Tech center at 1:00.

State Law Information Review:

Zygmunt Dworzecki reported on the passage of the Hearth Act which relates to indian agencies by-passing the Sec of the Interior department by leasing land for businesses and residences.

2012 Budget Review:

As our meeting was the first day of the month, the budget sheet was not available for review.

We need to begin thinking about the annual report and the budget request for next year. Where is Don when we need him?

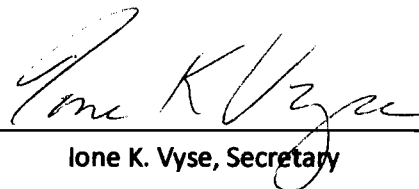
X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER -

A discussion of future news letter topics was held. Several suggestions were presented. FOIA, Open meetings act as well as record retention were mentioned. Bill Campbell was questioned as to topics he thought might be relevant to the townships. This topic will appear on next months agenda.

XI. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.



Keith Kosik, Chairman



Ione K. Vyse, Secretary