

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 @ 5:30 PM - Commissioners' Conference Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The March meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Ione Vyse, followed by the pledge to the flag.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Nancy Barrios, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester, Ione Vyse and Cindy Kapa were present. Members Keith Kosik and Board Representative Matthew Bierlein were absent. A quorum was present. Bill Campbell was our guest.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting as written was made by Zygy Dworzecki and seconded by Lonnie Kester. Motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Under New Business, Items N and O were added.
 - N. Wisner Township - Wind Energy – Article #22 - Amendment to Zoning Plan
 - O. Meeting Time Discussion -Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Lonnie Kester and seconded by Zygy Dworzecki. Motion carried.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- VI. **COMMUNICATION FROM E-MAIL ACCOUNT:**

Zygy reported that the computers were down for maintenance. No other report.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. PA 116 Application, Paul Dost Farms, Juniata Township - 40 Acres; Section 35, T 12N, R 8E.

Ione reported that the missing items were submitted. Motion by Lonnie Kester and support by Zygy Dworzecki to recommend approval of the application. Motion carried.
- I. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Office Depot Bills for printing and postage for our February mailing were: \$36.28, \$94.50 and \$75.44 (postage). Payment approved previously.
 - B. PA 116 Application, Arthur & Stephanie Bernia, Fairgrove Township 24.2 Acres Section 4, T 13N R8E. Motion by Lonnie Kester and supported by Zygy Dworzecki to return to township for further information. Motion approved.
 - C. PA 116 Application, Florence Stilley - Watertown Township - 45 Acres Section 2; T 10N. R 9E. Motion by Lonnie Kester and supported by Cindy Kapa to refer back to township for additional information. Motion carried.
 - D. PA 116 Application, Tim & Kathleen Howell - Gilford Township - 40 Acres Section 16 T 13N; R7E. Motion to recommend approval made by Zygy Dworzecki and support by Nancy Barrios. Motion carried.
 - E. PA 116 Application, Tim & Kathleen Howell - Gilford Township - 16.9 Acres Section 35, T 13N R 7E. Motion by Zygy Dworzecki and supported by Cindy Kapa to return for document clarification. Motion carried.

F. PA 116 Application, Paul & Bethany Van Wormer- Tuscola Township - 47 Acres Section 23 T 11N R 7E. Motion by Lonnie Kester supported by Zygy Dworzecki to recommend approval of application after item # 15 is completed.

G. Village of Millington – Amendments to Master Plan. Motion by Zygy Dworzecki support by Lonnie Kester to recommend approval of amendments to Millington Master Plan, with the recommendation that they add a Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

H. Akron Township Drinking Water Project. Updated letter provided.

I. Gilford Township – Received “Work in Process – Discussion Only” Chapter 7 – Special Use Permits (Received 2-21). Letter will be sent to the township.

J. State of Michigan – Informational: Follow up Letter sent verifying that Van Hove PA-116 was approved at our February meeting.

K. State of Michigan – Packet of PA 116’s received for filing

L. Low Water Level – Letter of Support drafted and presented for signatures and mailing.

M. Informational: Training Brochure – Municipal Engineering for Non-Engineers. Zygy suggested passing this along to Mike Miller.

N. Wisner Township – We received Wisner Township Wind Energy amendment Article 22, along with a copy of their Wednesday, February 20th minutes for their Public Meeting and Township Planning Commission meeting, however we are unable to act on this item because we do not have Wisner Township’s Zoning or Land Use plan on file. Motion by Zygy Dworzecki support by Nancy Barrios to acknowledge receipt of document. Motion carried.

O. Discuss Planning Commission Meeting Time. Decision postponed until April meeting.

IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Education/Training: Nancy Barrios reported that she had completed the Citizen Planner course and received a confirmation email.

Parks & Recreation: (See attached report). Ione reported that the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Committee reports to the County Board of Commissioners. Motion by Zygy Dworzecki and supported by Lonnie Kester that Planning Commission representative to the Parks and Recreation Committee receive a \$25 meeting stipend (no mileage – limit to 4 per year). Motion Carried.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative: (See attached).

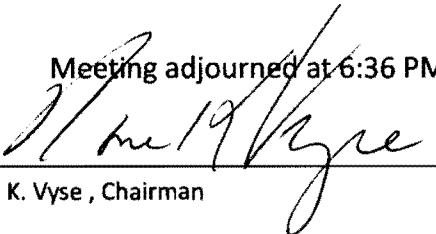
Township Communications: Ione met with Novesta Township Planning Commission member who is working on their township Master Plan. Nancy Barrios asked that members report back to the committee on any township visits they make so it can be included in the minutes. Ione urged members to remind municipalities of Office Depot discount when they make their visits.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG): (see attached).

State Law Information Review: None

2012 Budget Review: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM


Ione K. Vyse, Chairman


Nancy Barrios, Secretary

March 6, 2013 - Report Attachment:

PARKS & RECREATION: The Parks and Rec Committee has not met since October. Lisa Valentine was looking into setting up Video Conferencing for the meetings. There was not a quorum for the January meeting. I believe we need more members on this committee. (Cindy Kapa)

SBCI: Meeting held on February 22, 2012 at the Delta College Planetarium. MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes: the new Director Jon Allan spoke of Michigan's Vision for the Great Lakes and Saginaw Bay. They are looking at taking problems (areas of concern) off the to do list as they tackle and meet the criteria of removal - for farmers to increase agriculture production, and still reduce the water consumption by 20 % at the same time. They acknowledge that the water levels are very low. There was also discussion of water consumption dealing with Fracking.

U.S Environmental Protection Agency agenda delivered by Diane Russell the Remedial Project Manager gave an update on Tittabawassee Dioxin / Furan Issue. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service update given by Joe Haas (NRDA Specialist) on Tittabawassee Natural Resource Damage Assessment and gave a few examples.

MDEQ / Office of the Great Lakes talked about Status of Beneficial Use Impairments/ Area of concern was given by Bretton Joldersma AOC (areas of concern) Coordinator -Saginaw River/ Bay & St. Marys River AOCs. There is an EPA office here in Saginaw for a local resource. Phone number to talk to staff is 989-401-5509 and their office is at 804 S. Hamilton St. Saginaw, Michigan 48602. (Zygy)

EMCOG: At the Whole Board meeting we have approved the authorization for the RED (Regional Economic Development) Team for review and submission of CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) to EDA which is due later this month. We have been approached by USDA for the second phase of the regional food project to take it to the next step with a more comprehensive plan.

The Red Team has been growing its group representative base to the broader sector of the communities and businesses and public officials. I am on the regional Export Committee as part of the steering committee that is funded by the EDA with the partnership of MSU and EMCOG the latter of the governing body. We here at the local level are going to try and address the needs of businesses (Tier 1 & 2). The main focus is still on Transport Sea, rail, truck, and air.

The RED Team as a whole will be working on regional strategies to **retain, attract and grow local businesses**. My role will consist of:

1. Use and growth ordinance review
2. Lobby and educate for change in legislation to allow deep sea port in the region
3. Explore opportunities to work toward a Trade Zone Designation and Transportation Hubs
4. Review all shipping patterns for air, rail trucking, deep sea port shipping: demonstrate reduces cost for manufactures to improve business access (Zygy)