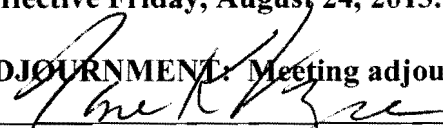
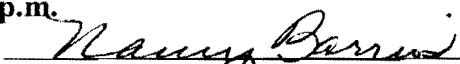


**TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**125 W Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**August 7, 2013**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.** Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson, Ione Vyse.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester, Cynthia Kappa, Louis Smallwood, Chairperson, Ione Vyse, Keith Kosik and Board Representative, Matt Bierlein  
**Absent excused:** Nancy Barrios                      **Guests:** None
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Zygmunt Dworzecki supported by Louis Smallwood to approve the July 3, 2013 minutes as written. Motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Lonnie Kester, supported by Cynthia Kappa to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** Newsletter was discussed. Zygmunt Dworzeski will prepare a law update for the December newsletter.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **Historical Request** – Request was made for a list of Tuscola County township and village museum locations and hours of operation which will be added to the updated county website. Motion by Zygmunt Dworzecki supported by Lonnie Kester to authorize Ione Vyse to send requests for museum information on behalf of the County Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- B. **Indianfields Master Plan** – Final Draft presented. A letter of receipt will be mailed.
- C. **PA 116 – Gerardus and Gertrude Van der Goor – Koylton Township, Section # 13, Town #11, N Range 11E – 80 acres.** Motion by Cindy Kappa, supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval of 1. Motion carried.
- IX. **OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:**  
**Education/Training:** *Discussed Master Plan online Certification training.*  
**Parks & Recreation:** Next meeting is August 28th  
**Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:** (see attached)  
**Township Communications:** None  
**East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):** (see attached)  
**State Law Information Review:** None  
**2013 Financial Report Review:**  
Keith Kosik announced that he will be resigning from the County Planning Commission effective Friday, August 24, 2013. He will submit a letter of resignation.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
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Ione Vyse, Chairperson
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Nancy Barrios, Secretary

## **Zygmunt Dworzecki's Reports:**

**SBCI** – nothing to report

**EMCOG** - Board Meeting held in Tawas City July 12, 2013. The board approved to apply for a grant “Regional Prosperity Initiative” for \$250,000 from the state. Also EMCOG gotten a \$30,000 grant for the Regional Food Systems 2<sup>nd</sup> phase in which the project will be up and running in September with the steering committee. Director referenced a newsletter, titled **Pipeline Safety** done by Zygmunt Dworzecki.

Received was the Letter from Prime Minister Stephen Harper from Canada on the Restoration of water levels in the Great Lakes.

**RED Team** - membership with the Export Steering Committee met in Tawas City after the EMCOG board meeting. RED Team awarded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase ABCD grant for the region. For the Red Team Regional Strategies and Tasks Zygmunt Dworzecki is to give a report on “Use and growth ordinance review” for the next meeting in Pinconning Twp.

Pete Rutski, the Tioga Group: MDOT Northern Michigan Freight Rail Assessment consultant gave a presentation to the RED Team giving an evaluation of freight rail systems in the region for the states master plan is needed for Federal dollars to be brought in for the rail systems. I will attach the unapproved minutes for the RED Team for further insight. The discussion did lead into more rail freight traffic to lessen truck traffic on the roads and to save the roads from the heavy loads on them. Passenger rail was discussed, as it seems there is a warming to it from most of the membership to the idea.

Zygmunt Dworzecki will be a speaker in Marlette for Michigan Works on Farmers Markets on August 21, 2013 and was asked to attend a meeting in Croswell for redevelopment of a Rail Hub, date to be finalized.

Submitted by Zygmunt Dworzecki