

Minutes September 2022

Wednesday September 7, 2022

The Planning Commission held an informal (noticed) gathering at 4PM to make pen and ink corrections to the 2022/2023 Tuscola County Master Plan. The group was not called to order and no discussion/decisions beyond master plan corrections were made.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
- III. ROLL CALL – Present: L. Kester, R. McKay, A. Pearsall, H. Stark.
- IV. Absent: R. Boylan (Excused); C. Kapa (Excused); L. Selvidge
- V. Guests: Paul (last name not given) from Fairgrove
- VI. The board paused to allow Member Selvidge to arrive. Chairman Kester received a text with Member Selvedge’s resignation. The board determined that a quorum was achieved.

R. McKay moved to approve the September 7, 2022 agenda, as amended A. Pearsall seconds. All voting in favor. Motion passed.

- VII. A. Pearsall recommends approval of the minutes for August 3, 2022. R. McKay seconds. All voting in favor. Motion passed.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Planning Commission guest discussed safety concerns at the corner of M-81 and Higgins Road in Juniata Township. The Planning Commission offered recommendations and provided contact information for the Juniata Township Supervisor.
- IX. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None
- X. OLD BUSINESS:
 - The Commission discussed the potential impact of the F-35 beddown project at Selfridge AFB. Selfridge is one of two locations remaining for the program consideration.
 - L. Kester will attend the upcoming Tuscola County Parks and Recreation meeting.
- XI. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Pearsall recommended approval of PA116 in Wisner Twp. for Michael and Rebecca Wark with completion of application. Applicant must complete question #12 and correct #16A. H. Stark seconded the motion. All voting in favor; motion passed.
 - H. Stark recommended approval of the Columbia Zoning Ordinance on Agribusiness after C. Kapa’s review. A. Pearsall seconded the motion. All voting in favor; motion passed.
 - The board discussed the rejection of Jason and Mellissa Kohler’s PA 116 application by the State of Michigan. The application for the inclusion of 120 acres was rejected due to land usage. 35.4 acres is used for agriculture and 84.6 Acres is not under agricultural use. The State of Michigan requirement is that a minimum of 51% be under agricultural use.
 - The Planning Commission discussed approved absences. A. Pearsall moved to alter the standing rules of the Planning Commission as follows. “Members are to notify the chair or

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co-chair of a pending absence with sufficient notice (48 hours) prior to the scheduled meeting to account for a quorum. Other excused absences are at the discretion of the Chair.” R. McKay seconded. All voting in favor, the motion passed.

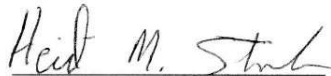
- a. R. McKay made a motion to approve the budget request letter as presented requesting \$6290 for the 2023 Planning Commission budget and authorize H. Stark to submit it to the comptroller. A. Pearsall seconded. All voting in favor; the motion passed.

XII. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- a. H. Stark presented a number of educational opportunities.
- b. H. Stark requested \$20 enrollment fee to attend the 2022 Master Planner Webinar Series. A. Pearsall made a motion to approve the expenditure. R. McKay seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:16 p.m.


Lonnie Kester, Chairperson


Heidi Stark, Acting Secretary