

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuscola County Administration Building
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, MI 48723

MINUTES

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, March 2, 2011
Commissioners Board Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chairman Kosik called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL:

- A. In attendance: Members – Delores Damm, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester, Keith Kosik, Donald Richards, Ione Vyse, and Board Representative Commissioner Gerald Peterson (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)
- B. Absent Unexcused: Joe Robbins
- C. Guests: Bill Campbell

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Dworzecki to “approve with spelling correction, the Minutes of February 9, 2011 as written”. Seconded by Vyse. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Vyse to “approve the Agenda as amended with additions to Section VIII- NEW BUSINESS: E. CEAP – Community Economic Adjustment Program Notification and F. Michigan Public Service Commission - Wind Energy Transmission Line
Seconded by Dworzecki. Motion Carried

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. COMMUNICATION CONCERENING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

E-Mail Communications – Letter of Support to EMCOG for Regional/Local Food Systems Assessment Plan from Dworzecki; Kosik reported a request for information concerning Aerial Photographs. Discussion followed.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Contact regarding Aerial Photographs – Discussed in E-Mail Report above.
- B. PA 116 Request-Dennis Ackerman/40 Acres/Gilford Township
- C. PA116 Request-Bryan & Kristine Bauer/35.66 Acres/Denmark Township

Kosik noted the PA116 requests were reviewed and found to be in order. Dworzecki moved for PA166 Requests B and C be recommended for approval. Seconded by Richards. Motion Carried.

- D. Research on Municipalities Checklist from MTA. – Due to inquiries Vyse provided the commission with the MTA Checklist of Steps for Enactment of Non Zoning Ordinance (General Law Township). Discussion followed concerning definition of General Township and Charter Township. It was noted a Charter Township could have a Township Manager vs. Township Supervisor and has to happen by township vote and could provide more protection. Vyse will email the checklist to the board members.
- E. CEAP –Community Economic Adjustment Program was explained by Dworzecki. It is a Federal Program and involves Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Saginaw, Bay and Midland counties. The next meeting will be March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Saginaw Valley University.
- F. Michigan Public Service Commission/Wind Energy Transmission Line – Damm reported MPSC gave go-ahead for construction of the state's first transmission lines to be used to transmit wind-generated electricity. PA295 directs the MPSC to grant an expedited siting certificate if an applicant meets five criteria. ITC Transmission will be allowed to construct a double circuit 345 kilovolt transmission line and four new substations to transmit electricity generated by wind energy in the Thumb Region. Kosik gave an update on wind energy development in Gilford area. The project is on hold till the developer can acquire additional land base.

IX. OTHER, ON GOING BUSINESS:

- A. Education/ Training – Richards reported he contacted Controller Hoagland in regards to funds the commission receives from donations, gifts, fees, etc. that go directly into the general fund. The controller stated those funds can be retrieved and used for education and training if requested and approved in advance by the commission. Dworzecki stated he would like to go to the Complete Streets Program being held in April. Education on Complete Streets will be important to the future work of the commission as municipalities will need to add to their Master Plan. Richards would like to attend as well and will allow for Master Citizen Planner credits. Damm moved to send Dworzecki and Richards to the Complete Streets Program and pay registration fee and travel expense. Seconded by Vyse. Motion Carried.
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission: No Report (April Meeting)
- C. Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative: No new information per Dworzecki.
- D. Township Communications: No Report
- E. EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments): Dworzecki gave update on meeting information and above mentioned support letter. Update on TLAG meeting held in Isabella County.
- F. State Law Information Review: No Report
- G. 2011 Budget: Vyse request permission to buy two ink cartridges and paper. Commissioner Peterson noted there is a cheaper resource for purchasing cartridges called Cartridge World located in Saginaw on Bay Road and also in Bay City. They take empties and do exchanges for all types of printers.

X. Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Kosik at 4:55 P.M.


Delores Damm, Secretary


Keith Kosik, Chairman