

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuscola County Administration Building
125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723

MINUTES

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 6, 2011 - Planning Commission Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Kosik called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

- A. In attendance: Members – Delores Damm, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester (arrived at 4:17), Keith Kosik, Donald Richards, Ione Vyse, and Board Representative Commissioner Gerald Peterson
- B. Absent Unexcused: Joe Robbins
- C. Guests: Ben Partridge, Bruce Foether, Vassar Township

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Richards moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Dworzecki. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Damm moved to approve the Agenda as amended: To add item B. Review Communications with Townships placed under VI-Communications Concerning Items Not On The Agenda. Ione seconded. Motion Carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- A. E-Mail/Communications – Dworzecki reported one.
- B. Township Communications Review - Chairman Kosik received a complaint recently from a township desiring less communication from the county. Discussion followed. Commission agreed that it is the responsibility of this commission to keep the townships informed and educated as deemed necessary and appropriate. Chairman Kosik will contact the township to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update of Web Site – Vyse and Richards reported the Web Site has been updated. Dworzecki suggested Commission Member names be added to the site. It will be discussed with County Information Systems Director.
- B. Denmark Township Supporting Information – Vyse sent a letter to the Township regarding a PA116 – Hecht.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: (request by Chairman Kosik to move Item X to the forefront)

- X. Vassar Township Zoning Ordinance – Two guests from Vassar Township present. Ordinance review by Vyse suggested the following: Home Business Section and the small Airport in Vassar Township, recognized by Michigan Dept. of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, should be

addressed in the Ordinance. Discussion followed. Richards moved to recommend for approval with suggested changes. Dworzecki seconded. Motion Carried. Vyse will send a letter to Clerk and copy to guests.

A. thru V. - PA116's

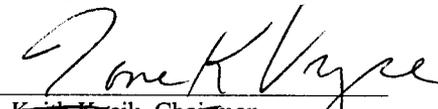
Motion by Richards to authorize tentative approval for the PA116's A thru V to avoid holding them up. Discussion followed. Richards withdrew his motion. Richards moved to authorize Kosik and Kester to review Items A thru V and provide tentative recommendations regarding those items at the August meeting due to circumstances beyond our control. Dworzecki seconded. Motion Carried.

- W. Elmwood Township – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Vyse moved to recommend for approval. Richards seconded. Motion Carried.
- Y. Village of Akron Master Plan for Review – Review committee finds the plan to be consistent with the County's General Development Plan and Richards moved to recommend for approval with minor adjustments as noted. Vyse seconded. Motion carried with one abstention due to conflict of interest.
- Z. Kingston Township Master Plan for Review – Review committee finds the draft master plan to be inconsistent with the County's General Development Plan. Richards moved to not recommend for approval due to plan being incomplete. Motion seconded by Dworzecki. Discussion followed. Motion Carried. Vyse will notify Kingston Township of committee findings.

IX. OTHER, ON GOING BUSINESS:

- A. **Education/ Training:** Update from Dworzecki included receiving membership to Michigan Association of Planning for Dworzecki and Richards @ \$40.00 ea.
- B. **Parks and Recreation** – No Report.
- C. **Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:** Commissioner Peterson reported a recent meeting with RC&D. Report on a Water Trail from Cass City to Bridgeport with several handicap accessible docks available at Frankenmuth and Tuscola Township locations. A 319 Grant Project will enable groups to better utilize the Cass River with information available @ cassrivergreenways.org. Discussion followed on stream monitoring, river clean-up, and Phragmites control.
- D. **Township Communications:** Vyse sent the approved letter reminding Municipalities the deadline is July 1, 2011 for completing a Local Master Plan as required by State Planning and Zoning Law PA110 of 2008. It included a reminder, Shindler's List and other updates. Received one negative response to the mailing. Vyse supplied updated pages 5 and 6 for By-Laws Manual.
- E. **EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments):** Dworzecki reported on a grant from USDA "Food for Distribution". He will do a presentation on Emergency Disaster Management for Friday July 8, 2011. Membership drive is ongoing with more local units joining.
- F. **State Law Information Review:** Dworzecki reported the State Senate and House passed a bill on Mining intended for the Upper Peninsula to mine iron ore. Current ORV law discussed addressing concerns about enforcement, etc.
- G. **2011 Budget:** Reviewed and discussed. Vyse requested verification on commission budget dates for supplying reports. Chairman Kosik stated the budget is from October to October for this commission while the County operates on a January to January budget. Kosik noted Richards is doing an excellent job supplying the Annual Work Report that accompanies the annual budget.
- X. **ADJOURN:** Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Kosik at 5:35 P.M.


Delores Damm, Secretary


Keith Kosik, Chairman


JUNE K. VYSE Vice Chair