

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

MINUTES

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Planning Commission Meeting Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER –Chair, Keith Kosik called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL: In attendance: Members – Delores Damm, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester (arrived @ 4:25 p.m.). Donald Richards, Joe Robbins, Ione Vyse, and Board Representative Commissioner Gerald Peterson
Absent:
Guests: Cindy Kapa, Mayville
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Dworzecki moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Robbins. Motion Carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Dworzecki moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Richards. Motion Carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- VI. COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
E-Mail/Communications Report from Dworzecki concerning an invitation for the County to comment on proposed telecom facility in Fremont Twp. (see attached message). Discussion followed with review of site plan with consideration on the possible effects the proposed project may have on sites or structures of historic significance. Finding no apparent problems, Damm will send a letter to that effect and thank RESCOM for the documentation package.
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a. Village of Gagetown Master Plan Response
 - b. Wisner Township Master Plan ResponseRichards developed a Letter of Response for both Master Plans. Vyse commented that the letters were very well written and will get them in the mail.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: 15 PA 116's (A thru L)
 - a. Blanch Juhasz, 40 A., Almer Twp., Sec. 32
 - b. N. Lynn & Karen Schriber, 45 A., Almer Twp., Sec. 28
 - c. Karen Schriber, 40 A., Almer Twp., Sec. 28
 - d. Matthew & Janet Zimba, parcel 1-18 A; and parcel 2-18.88 A, Kingston Twp., both Sec. 2
 - e. John & Anthonia Verhaar, parcel 1, 72 A, Almer Twp., Sec. 13
parcel 2, 75 A, Farigrove Twp, Sec. 8
 - f. Everett Bone, parcel 1, 79 A, Arbela Twp., Sec. 28; parcel 2, 60 A, Arbela Twp., Sec 32
 - g. Betty Holzhei, 17.7 A., Denmark Twp., Sec. 14
 - h. David & Pamela Trombley, 36.5 A., Juniata Twp., Sec. 2
 - i. Sara & David Dost, 10 A., Juniata Twp., Sec. 2
 - j. Kick Eskelson, 38.99 A., Juniata Twp., Sec. 20
 - k. Jacob Bauer, 80 A., Tuscola Twp., Sec. 2
 - l. Bryan & Kristine Bauer, 40 A., Tuscola Twp., Sec. 2

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Committee Review members found two minor problems concerning f-parcel 1, and k. Discussion followed. Richards moved to recommend for approval, upon addressing problem areas as noted, the PA 116's a thru l. Seconded by Robbins. Motion Carried.

- m. Tuscola Township Zoning Ordinance Review – Vyse commented the ordinance was very well done and possible need to address the Open Space Requirement. Vyse moved to recommend for approval the Tuscola Township Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Kester. Motion Carried.

IX. OTHER, ON GOING BUSINESS:

- a. **Education /Training:** Dworzecki reported on the recent MAP webinar. Discussion on a Master Plan Workshop, Vyse noted only 2 or 3 municipalities have not been received to date and suggested possible Master Plan Review class.
- b. **Parks & Recreation:** Damm contacted Chairperson Lisa Valentine for getting update and current status of the P & R Commission. Valentine stated they meet quarterly with only 5 or 6 in attendance and there seems to be a lack of support both financially and other from the county commissioners. Also, the Grant requirements for a local match are stricter and are usually cash based. Discussion followed. Peterson noted this commission has “call-in-meeting” status as established in the commission by-laws. Richards suggested a program for those interested in how to better chair a commission/committee to keep interest and motivation within a group. Dworzecki suggested contacting MAP, Michigan Association of Planners member Jane Fitzpatrick, Regional Economic Development Team for additional information and will provide a follow-up next month. Possible recommendation may be made at that time.
- c. **Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:** Dworzecki reported on the meeting in Huron Co. last month where they discussed the 8,000 miles of coastline, the research being done, and the need to find shoreline project partners. Discussion followed and more information can be found on a website.
- d. **Township Communications:** Vyse read a letter from Mary Lou Blasius, Tuscola Township Clerk and stated it is a very positive letter and shows a good response to this commission's efforts to inform and educate local units of government.
- e. **EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments):** Dworzecki reported Columbia Twp. has joined EMCOG. Dworzecki and Sue Fortune, EMCOG Director, attended a recent township meeting. The township received a \$50,000 grant for food processing , farmers market, etc.
- f. **State Law Information Review:** Dworzecki reported on the Juniata Township situation and zoning request for a church from Detroit requesting to set up a church campground on a piece of purchased property. Discussion followed.
- g. **2011 Budget Review & Annual Report:** Discussion on the need to move dollars into the travel account as there will be a shortfall. Damm mentioned to move \$400.00 from Workshop Expenses to Travel Expenses. Seconded by Richards. Motion Carried. Appreciation was extended to Richards for preparing an outstanding 2011 Annual Report for the County Commissioners.

Before adjournment, member Joseph Robbins announced his resignation effective immediately. Discussion followed with acknowledgement of his years of commitment to this planning commission since it's beginning along with his knowledge of the county's land base. He will be greatly missed. Richards moved to: accept, with deep regrets, member Robbins resignation and a letter to that effect be sent and added recommending Cindy Kapa as a replacement for Robbins on this commission. Seconded by Kester. Motion Carried.

- X. ADJOURN: Meeting declared Adjourned by Chair Kosik at 5:35 P.M.


Delores Damm, Secretary


Keith Kosik, Chairman