

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48728

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 @ 4:30 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The October meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m. by Chairman Keith Kosik, followed by the pledge to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL – All members were present, Mary Drier was our guest.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

The motion to approved the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting as written was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Nancy Barrios. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

Under New Business, Item D, Updating the County Web page for the Planning Commission was added. The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Lonnie Kester and seconded by Zygmunt Dworzecki. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mary Drier spoke on her concerns pertaining to the amendment to the Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance as it related to wind energy and setbacks for participating vs non participating parcels. This proposed amendment will be considered next month.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Webinars require New Roberts Rules of Order to use instead of face to face meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. The proposed changes to the General Development Plan were tabled until next month at the request of the secretary.
- B. The proposed annual report, cover letter, job plan for next year and our budget request were presented to the members for their comment. A motion to present the material to the County Board of Commissioners was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki, second by Lonnie Kester. Motion Carried.
- C. A draft copy of the 2nd newsletter was included in the packet for discussion. It was suggested that our time, date and place of meeting be included. Lonnie Kester moved that the news letter be released after adding the relevant meeting information and clarifying the wording in the first paragraph. Nancy Barrios seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Arbela Township, Darwin Hecht, 57 acres, Section 24. A motion was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Lonnie Kester to recommend that the application be revised and resubmitted due to inaccuracies in the land description and other incomplete data lines. Motion carried.
- B. Arbela Township, Lonnie and Carol Kester, 41 acres, Section 15.
- C. Kingston Township, Raymond and Mary Lou Wolak, 7.57 acres, Section 18.
Zygmunt Dworzecki moved to recommend approval of items B and C. Cynthia Kapa seconded the motion. Lonnie Kester abstained. Motion carried.
- D. The material that should be placed on the Planning Commission web site was discussed. The secretary will prepare the data for electronic transfer and contact the web administrator.

Annual meeting schedule, Commission members and areas served, contact information, submission guidelines, wind energy, news letter, and the Land Use materials address were some of the items that could be included.

IX. OTHER, ON-GOING BUSINESS

Education/Training

Nancy Barrios will begin the citizen planner on line course this month. A motion was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and seconded by Lonnie Kester to authorize the chair to move money within the budget to cover the cost of the Citizen Planner Course for Nancy Barrios. Motion Carried.

Parks & Recreation:

No Report

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative:

No Report

Township Communications:

Discussion about possible items to send out with members as they visit their municipalities. Possible inclusions: Submission policy, Schindlers list material, criteria sheets, etc.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG):

Two major projects, exporting and food distribution project.

State Law Information Review:

Bill Schutte has released an opinion on nonferrous mining that will effect our townships.

2012 Budget Review:

Budget sheet was not available for the meeting. It was noted that money will have to be transfer to the education account to cover the Citizen Planner Course for Nancy Barrios.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Zygmunt Dworzecki reported on the Land Use document "Restrictions of Zoning Authority". He will be sending it out to all members.

XI. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Keith Kosik, Chairman



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