

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
125 W Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723

APPROVED MINUTES

July 3, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairperson Ione Vyse. The Pledge to the Flag followed.

II. ROLL CALL – Present: Ione Vyse, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Lonnie Kester, Cynthia Kapa, Nancy Barrios and Louis Smallwood. **Absent excused:** Keith Kosik and Board Representative - Matt Bierlein. **Guests:** Gary Howell, Attorney for Columbia Township, Wendy Falls, Housing Director - Human Development Commission, and Dick Diemel, Columbia Township Planning Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion by Zygmunt Dworzecki supported by Louis Smallwood to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting as presented. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Nancy Barrios supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MSHDA –MI-Place Partnership Grant Initiative Presentation. Wendy Falls, Housing Director at the Human Development Commission made a presentation on the 2012-2014 Grant program and target community findings. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Zygmunt Dworzecki and supported by Lonnie Kester to recommend that the Tuscola County Commissioners accept the research data findings and name the cities of Caro and Vassar and the village of Cass City as the “target” cities for the MSHDA 2012-2014 County Allocation Program Grant. Motion carried.

B. PA-116 – Russell Family Land Co., LLC - Indianfields Township, Section 8, T 12N, R9E 80 Acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval. Motion carried.

C. PA-116 – Russell Family Land Co., LLC – Akron Township, Section 34, T 14N, R 8E, 36 Acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend the application be referred back to township for further information. (Deed). Motion carried.

D. PA-116 – Russell Family Land Co., LLC, Almer Township, Section 20, T 13N, R 9E, 116.5 Acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval. Motion carried.

E. PA-116 – DRC Land LLC, Koylton Township, Section 15, T 11N, R 11E, 15.92 Acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval. Motion carried.

F. Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Louis Smallwood and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval of the Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance with the recommendation that Section 7.01 include more detailed lot size information, and a typographical error under Article 6, Section “F” be corrected to 5.01 “G”. Motion carried.

G. PA-116 – Glen Christener – Elmwood Township Section 14 T 14N R 10E 200 acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval. Motion carried.

H. PA-116 Gremel Land LLC – Section 7 T 14N R 10E 75.5 acres. Motion by Cindy Kapa and supported by Zygmunt Dworzecki to recommend approval. Motion carried.

I. Nature Conservancy Program – Zyggy discussed the Nature Conservancy program and suggested that the Parks and Recreation program investigate possible partnership opportunities.

IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Education/Training: Motion by Zygmunt Dworzecki supported by Lonnie Kester to approve funds for Louis Smallwood and Cindy Kapa to enroll in the on-line Citizen Planner Course through Michigan State University. Motion carried. Nancy Barrios indicated that she is still waiting for her certificate of completion. Discussion on possible future county wide training programs.

Parks & Recreation: Cindy Kapa discussed the June Parks and Recreation meeting.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative: Meeting was cancelled – no report.

Township Communications: Louis Smallwood attended the Indianfields Township Meeting.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG): See attached.

State Law Information Review: Some new legislation pending, no report until they are finalized.

2013 Budget Review: Training funds are available for Citizen Planner training. Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Zygy's Reports 07/03/2013

SBCI Report – none meeting canceled

EMCOG Report

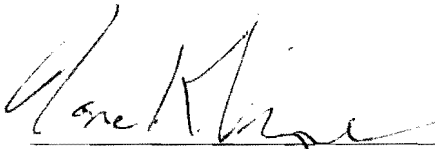
EMCOG is having a full board meeting July 12, 2013 followed by the RED Team meeting afterwards in Iosco County ___Tawas City. We will be updated on the 2nd phase grant (\$30,000) EMCOG Food Assessment dealing with future food related activities. We are also asking for council Authorization to apply for a Regional Prosperity Grant (\$250,000). The council will vote for approval of mid-term CEDS (Certified Economic Development Strategies) for submittal to the Regional EDA office in Chicago.

Thumb Food Hub

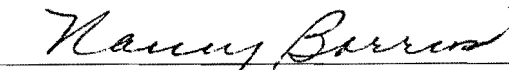
The last meeting June 28, 2013 board revisited the activities to move the project forward. To bring in more experts from neighboring counties as in bring back AG into schools to enable to get smaller farming so that we can obtain produce aggregation for supply and demand to customers this being the first phase of making viable Food Hub in the Thumb region to fulfill the needs of good nutrition and fresh foods. The next Thumb Food Hub meeting will be July 12, 2013 at the EDC Conference Room at 10 a.m.

County Think Tank Meeting

The lunch meeting was held in Cass City at Nick's Restaurant: The speaker was Lauri Elbing from "The Nature Conservancy. She spoke of the group's involvement in the state dealing with conservation of the environment in the state and nation. We were also enlightened on the work with farmers and Cass River dealing with environmental issues.



Ione Vyse, Chairman



Nancy Barrios, Secretary