

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
The November meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. by Chairperson Ione Vyse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL – Present: Raymundo Cortez, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Aaron Gyurko, Cynthia Kapa, Lonnie Kester, Louis Smallwood, Ione Vyse, Board Representative: Matthew Bierlein**
Absent Excused: None
Guests: Walt Schlichting – Equalization Department Director
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
The motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting as written was made by Zygmunt and supported by Louis. Motion Carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Approval of the agenda as amended was made by Lonnie and supported by Zygmunt. Motion Carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
No Public Comment was made.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**
D. of New Business was added concerning another PA 116. And because of Walt's attendance concerning C. of New Business, this item was addressed first before Old Business.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Newsletter:**
Cynthia is writing the newsletter for December and the topic will be the Freedom of Information Act. Other possible topics may include Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
 - B. Visitation Accomplishment: Gagetown, Elkland Township, and Village of Reese**
Visitations for Gagetown and the Village of Reese were assigned to Raymundo, while the Elkland Township visitation was assigned the Aaron. Louis reported that he had visited the City of Caro, Wells Township and Indianfields Township. Zygmunt reported that he had visited the Village of Akron.
 - C. Citizen Planner:**

Cynthia and Lonnie still plan to sign up for training before December, so the money in the budget allotted for that training isn't forfeited.

D. 2014 Meeting Dates:

A motion to approve the 2014 meeting dates was made by Lonnie and seconded by Zygmunt. Motion Carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PA 116, Wisner Township, Wayne & Lynn Dinsmoore, 75 acres, Section 32

A motion for additional information concerning this PA 116 was made by Lonnie and seconded by Zygmunt. Motion Carried.

B. PA 116, Akron Township, Jason & Wendy Brink, 32 acres, Section 27

A motion was made for approval with corrections by Lonnie and seconded by Zygmunt. Motion Carried.

C. County Digital Parcel Mapping:

Raymundo has volunteered to start digitally mapping the county, given his background in this technology and with Walt's help from the Equalization Department. A lot of talk has been made concerning GIS on this Commission and with the Commissioner's of the County and whether or not it is worth the investment. The technology can be used for assessment, tax data, and economic development. What Ray and Walt will be starting won't exactly be GIS, but with Ray's expertise and Walt's background the digitalization of the County's parcels will be a solid foundation with which to start on a project that will take many years to fully develop. A proposal was made by lone that Ray be made a committee of one in which he will be the liaison for the now formed GIS Committee. A motion to support this was made by Lonnie and seconded by Zygmunt. Motion Carried. Another motion was made by Zygmunt and seconded by Lonnie that lone as Chairperson of the Planning Commission write a letter of support on official letterhead indicating that Ray is the liaison for the Tuscola County Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

D. PA 116, Gilford Township, David and Anett Russell

A motion for approval was made by Cynthia and seconded by Zygmunt. Motion Carried.

IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

A. Reports: Zygmunt

Zygy passed out to everyone two pamphlets, one being the Bay Region Road and Trail Bicycling Guide and the other the Eastern Michigan Council of Governments'(EMCOG) Local Fresh Food Guide. Copies of these guides will be at several Michigan Welcome Centers for people to pick up.

B. Parks and Recreation Report: Cynthia

Cindy's report on Parks and Rec. was included, see attached. Lonnie inquired about whether or not there was a conflict of interest if he wanted to join the Parks and Rec.s which just added two additional members, given he holds a position on the Planning Commission. It was indicated that there was no conflict of interest, the only regulation

being that one person is only allowed to be appointed to three boards at the same time.

C. PA 116s: Cynthia

Cindy's PA 116 was added to New Business as item D.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Lonnie thanked the new members for there hard work out-of-the-gate. Cindy indicated that she won't be here next month and some others may not be with us either. lone reminded us that a quorum for the group is four of the seven members. She also reminded us that election of officers will take place next month. Members of the different committees were assigned. The Master Plan Committee is chaired by Zygmunt with Raymundo being its other member. The Zoning Ordinance Committee is chaired by lone with Louis being its other member. The PA 116 Committee is chaired by Lonnie with its other members being Cynthia, Louis, and Aaron (two additional members were added to accommodate the large volume of PA 116s received by the Commission). And as mentioned above Ray is the one person on the GIS Committee.

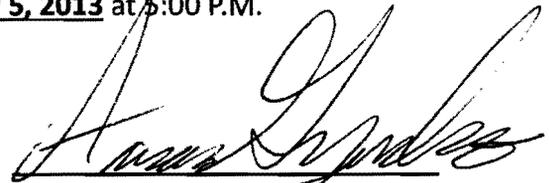
XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by lone at 6:05 P.M.

Reminder – December's Meeting is THURSDAY, December 5, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.



lone K. Vyse, Chairperson



Aaron Gyurko, Secretary pro tem