

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

Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- II. ROLL CALL – Present: Raymundo Cortez, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Aaron Gyurko, Louis Smallwood, Ione Vyse, Board Representative: Matthew Bierlein
Absent Excused: Cynthia Kapa and Lonnie Kester
Guests: Commissioner Kirkpatrick**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting as written was made by Zygy and supported by Lou. Motion Carried.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Approval of the agenda as amended was made by Zygy and supported by Lou. Motion Carried.**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT:
No public comment was made.**
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
A letter from the City of Caro was received indicating that they plan to review and overhaul their master plan.**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
A. Citizen Planner:
Lou has registered for his course and Cindy plans to register by the end of the year.
B. Township Communications Visitations:
Elkland Township was visited by Aaron and they are right on top of their five year update of their master plan which the Planning Commission will see soon. They were also enthusiastic but the printing discount offered through the county. The Village of Reese was visited by Ray this last month.
C. Digital Mapping Report:
There was much discussion about getting the County on a GIS system and its costs and benefits, as has been discussed in the past. Commissioner Kirkpatrick explained that Tuscola County is one of only three counties in the state still not on a GIS system which can integrate and be used by all departments of the county and make them more efficient. The cost of such a program can be over \$100,000 to get started and be tens of thousands of dollars to maintain every year. He informed us that the county is in financial hardships already and will be for the foreseeable future. So to get the county started Ray, with his background in such technology, has volunteered to start digitally mapping the county's parcels so as to give us an inventory and foundation from which to work from in the future. This will hopefully keep the cost down in the future, for when the county is able to switch to a paperless GIS system because some of the expensive work will already be done.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PA 116: Kingston Township, Edward and Melanie Zimba, 26.015 acres, Section 3
A motion for additional information concerning this PA 116 was made by Lou and seconded by Zygy. Motion Carried.

B. Vassar Township: Rezoning Ordinance

lone made a motion to recommend approval because the rezoning fits the County's land use requirements. It was seconded by Zygy. Motion Carried.

C. Newsletter: December 2013

Zygy made a motion to accept the newsletter as written and to send it out to the municipal governments. It was seconded by Lou. Motion Carried.

D. Election of Officers:

- i. The nomination of lone to stay on as the Chairperson of the Tuscola County Planning Commission was made by Zygy and seconded by Lou. A motion to close nominations and vote by consensus was made by Zygy and seconded by Lou. The motion carried to elect lone as Chairperson.
- ii. The nomination of Zygy to retain his position of Vice Chair of the Tuscola County Planning Commission was made by Lou and seconded by Aaron. A motion to close nominations and vote by consensus was made by Aaron and seconded by Lou. The motion carried to keep Zygy as Vice Chair.
- iii. The nomination of Aaron, currently Secretary Pro Tem, to be elected as Secretary of the Tuscola County Planning Commission was made by lone and seconded by Lou. A motion to close the nominations and vote by consensus was made by Lou and seconded by lone. The motion carried to elect Aaron as Secretary.

IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

A. Parks and Receptions Report: None from Cindy this month.

B. Local Government Report: None from Zygy this month.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

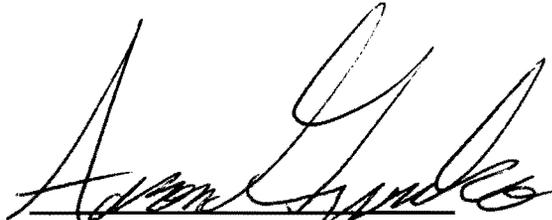
A motion was made by Zygy and seconded by Lou to discuss the good of the order which included a municipal history project that lone wants to do that would make a registry of historic sites, collect histories of exceptionally old structures, and most importantly collect the stories of people still around to tell them. She is going to send out requests for local stories in a press release to the local newspapers and from other local historical groups. The motion carried. F.Y.I. - Matt Bierlein will no longer be our board representative because of scheduling conflicts. He will be replaced by Christine Trisch.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by lone at 6:27 P.M.



lone K. Vyse, Chairperson



Aaron Gyurko, Secretary