

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 @ 5:00 P. M. – Commissioners' Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ione Vyse and was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL – Present: Raymundo Cortez, Zygmunt Dworzecki, Aaron Gyurko, Cynthia Kapa, Louis Smallwood, Ione Vyse, Board Representative: Christine Trisch  
Absent Excused: Lonnie Kester  
Guests: Bill Campbell
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Zygy and seconded by Ray to approve the minutes for last month's meeting. Motion Carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Zygy and seconded by Aaron to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Campbell informed us that the Indianfields Township meeting would be Thursday, December 4, at 7 P. M. The issue of concern is the rezoning of Grice's Tree Farm to an industrial zone to accommodate propane storage. The issue has been controversial and certain bureaucratic procedures have not been followed properly, possibly leading to litigation. Lou and Ione will be taking a look into this issue.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Ione received a phone call from the Planning Commission of the Village of Mayville about a missing letter from August. We sent it out but the letter was misplaced or was never received. So Ione went ahead and sent out another letter to them.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. Local Visitations Communications: None.
  - B. Citizen Planner: Ray has not yet signed up.
  - C. P. A. 116 Rejection by the State of Michigan: A P. A. 116 that we recommended for approval was rejected by the State because it was not 51% of the parcel. To qualify for a P. A. 116 the sectioned parcel must be at least 51% of the total property. We will be on the look out for this in the future when reviewing the criteria for P. A. 116s.
  - D. P. A. 116, Heath Ross: The property is owned by the County Treasurer's Office and is tax bill exempt. So a motion to recommend approval was made by Lou and seconded by Cindy. Motion Carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ellington Township Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The wording of "wind energy" was changed to "energy generators." A motion to recommend approval for the Ellington Township Zoning Ordinance amendment was made by Ione and seconded by Zygy. Motion Carried.
- B. Indianfields Township Public Hearing for Rezoning: Will occur at 7 P. M., on December 4, at the Indianfields Township meeting hall.
- C. Fremont Township Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing: Will occur at 6:30 P. M., before the regular meeting on December 11, at the Fremont Township meeting hall.
- D. 2015 Meeting Dates: A motion to recommend approval was made by Zygy and seconded by Ray. Motion Carried.
- E. File Retention Policy: The policy is still being researched and guidelines are being compared to other municipalities by Zygy and Aaron.
- F. Election of Officers: For the position of Chairperson, Lou nominated Zygy. With no other nominations the nominations were closed, Zygy becomes Chairperson by default. Motion Carried. For the position of Vice Chairperson, Zygy nominated Lou. With no other nominations the nominations were closed, Lou becomes Vice Chairperson by default. Motion Carried. For the position of Secretary, Cindy made a motion to nominate Aaron as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Lou. Motion Carried. With no other nominations the nominations were closed, Aaron becomes Secretary by default. Motion Carried. Zygy decided to keep the committees the same and will have Ione continue to send out the letters to the Townships, Villages, and Cities even though she is not longer Chairperson.

IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Receptions Report: Cindy told us that no meeting occurred last month and there probably won't be a meeting this month either. They are still working on their Master Plan.
- B. Local Government Report: See attached report from Zygy. A printout from the A. C. L. U. on Michigan House Bill 5958 - Michigan Religious Freedom Restoration Act was passed out.
- C. G. I. S. Report: Ray passed out printouts of a symposium on G. I. S. that would take place at U. of M. -- Flint. A second printout on the agreement between Amalgam, L. C. and Tuscola County for Fetch G. I. S. Fee Access Service was passed out.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Cindy and Lou received their certificates of completion for finishing the Citizen Planner Course.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P. M. by Chairperson Ione.

*Zygmunt P. Dworzecki*

Zygmunt P. Dworzecki, Chairperson

*Aaron Gyurko*

Aaron Gyurko, Secretary