

TUSCOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS LETTER

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Topic: Planning Commission Creation Paperwork

By now most of you have a planning commission in place. Some planning commissions have been around for years, but did you create your commission legally? Do you still have the paperwork or know where it is? It is recommended that if you can not find the paperwork or have yet to create a planning commission, that you take a look at pamphlets 1A and 1B of the Land Use Series produced by the Land Use Institute.

<http://lu.msue.msu.edu/> These checklists and sample ordinances will help you be sure your Planning Commission can withstand legal challenge. These along with other relevant pamphlets/checklists regarding the creation of master plans and zoning ordinances, the amending of them, 5 year reviews of master plans and a host of other topics can also be found on the county website under departments - planning commission - land use references.

REMINDER: If not already completed, 5 year reviews of Master Plans or General Development Plans should be on your agenda. Since most planning commissions do not meet monthly it is important to get an early start. Remember to include or update demographics using 2010 Census material. Contact us if you have questions as to what to include or how to go about the review. These can be done locally and at little cost. Also see the 5 year review checklist material from the Land Use Series mentioned above for ideas and for the legal steps to follow.

Item of Interest: The County Commissioners will host a meeting of municipality representatives at the Almer Township Hall, 1310 Cameron Rd. Caro, at 11:00am on May 24th to discuss the reluctance of Detroit Edison to pay their downed-wire fire run bills. It is expected that Representative Brown will attend.

Our meeting time has changed due to scheduling problems. We now meet at 5:00 pm

We welcome Louis Smallwood as our newest Planning Commission member. He is replacing Wm. Thayer who resigned due to time constraints. Bill has been a tireless worker and an asset to our group. He will be sorely missed.

Louis Smallwood will have the immediate Caro area as his responsibility. I am sure he will serve you well.

These are the representatives for each municipality. You can contact them via our email site.

Nancy Barrios: Elkland, Elmwood, Novesta, Village of Cass City, Village of Gagetown.

Zygmunt Dworzecki: Akron, Columbia, Village of Akron, Village of Fairgrove, Village of Unionville.

Keith Kosik: Denmark, Fairgrove, Gilford, Village of Reese, Wisner.

Lonnie Kester: Arbela, City of Vassar, Millington, Vassar, Village of Millington.

Cindy Kapa: Dayton, Fremont, Village of Kingston, Village of Mayville, Watertown.

Louis Smallwood: Almer, City of Caro, Ellington, Indianfields, Wells.

Ione Vyse: Juniata, Kingston, Koylton, Tuscola.

Our Meetings: The first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm. in the conference room of the Purdy Building, 125 S. Lincoln St.