

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

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014 @ 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, Cynthia Kapa, Lonnie Kester, Louis Smallwood, Ione Vyse  
Absent Excused: Board Representative - Christine Trisch  
Guests: None**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
A motion was made by Zygy and seconded by Lonnie to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion Carried.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
A motion was made by Lonnie and seconded by Zygy to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:  
The Americans with Disabilities are having a luncheon Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 and 17, and tickets can be obtained for \$30 per person.**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Citizen Planner:  
Lou is still working on his progress and had to call technical support with problems he was having. Cindy took her first test but was having problems seeing her results. Aaron and Ray have not signed up yet.**
  - B. Historical Resources Project:  
The project is up and running on the County website, under information, and some e-mails from active citizens with information that helped fill in the project further came in. They included the Heritage Hall Building at the fairgrounds, surveys of the County from the 1820s and 1830s, and the inception of the County from circa 1850.**
  - C. Local Visitations Communications:  
Ray will visit Wells Township in April. Lou has Almer and Ellington Townships planned for April 18. Cindy is working on her visitations this month, as well.**
  - D. G.I.S. Report:  
Ray has volunteered his time and expertise to help the County get started on a G.I.S. by talking to Mike and Walt in the Equalization Department. After getting the project off the ground and persistently offering to volunteer his time after hours to train whoever would be working on the project, progress seems to be at a stand still. Ray's work on this matter was already above and beyond the duties of his position on this Planning Commission and beyond**

the inception and assistance to the project, the responsibility now falls to the County and its employees if this project is to come to fruition. G.I.S. is standard for almost every other county and Tuscola is one of the few that still doesn't have it. G.I.S. is good for development because it easily communications the necessary information to investors and developers who are looking for places for new projects. Without it the County is certainly losing out on vital dollars that would grow our local economy.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PA 116: Akron Township, Dwayne and Marylou, Mark and Karen Fischer, 41 acres, section 27**

A motion was made by Cindy to table this PA 116 until the missing tax documents are received. Lonnie seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**B. PA 116: Koylton Township, The Ruggles**

A motion was made by Lou to return the PA 116 for additional information concerning the signatures on the document (whether three more signatures were needed or proof that the L.L.C. is managed by the one name that signed the PA 116). Cindy seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**C. Township Communications: Novesta Township**

Initially the board voted to not completing a master plan. The board changed and has now decided to complete a master plan, so lone spoke with them for two and a half hours to get them started. She spoke about all the legal requirements and steps to follow which included: forming a planning commission and appointing people to it, ordinances, and mailings that need to be sent out.

**IX. OTHER ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

**A. Parks and Recreation Report:**

Parks and Rec. did not meet. So no word on the horse park project but a map is being put together for it.

**B. Local Government Report: None**

**C. Law Review: Senate Bills 821-830 – Property Tax Revenue Sharing**

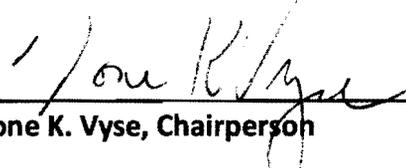
Exemptions included properties totaling less than \$80,000 and 100% exemption for all veterans. Lost revenue from tax exemptions will probably mean higher taxes for others.

**X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

House Bill No. 4885, No. 5254 and No. 5255 concerning oil companies are moving forward. See the minutes from February 2014 for details on these bills.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

lone adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

  
Lone K. Vyse, Chairperson

  
Aaron Gyurko, Secretary