

October 24, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

This being a regular session, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Tasior.

Commissioners Present: Rogalski, Tasior, Finley, Yorke, and Wesley.

Absent: None.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director

CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL/PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Session Minutes – August 22, 2023

Rogalski motions to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated August 22, 2023 and Yorke seconds.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Rogalski, Tasior, Finley, Yorke, Wesley. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Additions, Corrections, & Approval

Rogalski motions to approve the agenda and Finley seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Carried on the following roll call: Ayes: Rogalski, Tasior, Finley, Yorke, Wesley. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Vacant: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (For Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Agenda Items)

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Iosco County Master Plan Update

The grant was submitted. It is a first come first serve type of grant. Carruthers-Soboleski asked for \$70,000.00. In the grant's timeline, the RFP cannot be sent out until the beginning of 2024.

Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Agreement Overview

This was submitted to the Planning Commission for the board to review as is required by law. The Planning Commission cannot take any action on this agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iosco County Airport Advisory Board

- The proposed cottage at the end of the airport's runway was approved.
- There was a community open house fly-in.
- Jay Samuels, Iosco County Airport Manager, is applying for a grant for maintenance of the beacon tower and redoing the fuel field.

Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission

- Parks and Recreation Commission still does not have trail maps.
- They approved a Whittemore Community Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- Their ORV Grant received a \$10,000.00 increase and an extension.
- The bike path in Oscoda is completed.
- AuSable Township will start on their portion of the bike path in the Spring.

COMMENTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Finley – Questions regarding the bike paths and safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MI HOPE Grant Update

- There was a work session to review the guidelines of the MI-HOPE grant.
- Some hurdles are:
 - Not being able to review all of the applications for Iosco County. MSHDA is still working on getting all of the applications to us.
 - Carruthers-Soboleski is cold calling contractors.
 - The grant requires at least two quotes per project.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Finley – MI-HOPE – He has reached out to contractors. Contractors currently have too much work. There is a materials and people shortage.

Tasior – Target Alpena Regional E Housing Study – Their grant was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

The business for the day having been addressed, meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. January 23, 2024. Motioned by Tasior and seconded by Rogalski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully:

**Kathleen M. Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 23, 2024