

May 23, 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, and Yorke.

Absent: Wesley.

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 – April 25, 2023

Tasior motions to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated April 25, 2023 with some corrections on writing down who made and supported motions and Yorke seconds.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Additions, Corrections, & Approval

Finley motions to approve the agenda with the corrections listed above and Rogalski seconds.

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

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

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Updating the Iosco County Master Plan Discussion

Bill Ernat, EMCOG representative, called Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director, to inform her of a grant that Iosco County is eligible for. Five other counties are eligible for this nine-million-dollar grant. Carruthers-Soboleski would like to receive a quote from EMCOG to have them write the grant for Iosco County. Carruthers-Soboleski is hoping to use this grant to cover costs of updating the Iosco County Master Plan and partially cover a county-wide Housing Plan.

Tasior recommends that Carruthers-Soboleski write an RFP for the board to review. Tasior will give a sample and suggests that Michigan Association of Planners (MAP) may have a sample. Kathleen Murphy, Board of Commissioners' Secretary/Housing Director, will contact a representative from MAP regarding a sample RFP.

Tasior recommends a 20-year Master Plan with amendments after every 5 years. The Master Plan needs to have goals with corresponding tasks that are worked on. Rogalski would like the plan to be data driven.

There are courses that will inform the board on how a Master Plan works and what it needs. Such courses can be found on the MAP website and the Citizen Planner course held by the MSU Extension.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iosco County Airport Advisory Board

Rogalski has nothing to report. The next Airport Advisory Board meeting is not until July. Murphy has forwarded Rogalski's information to Bill Deckett, Iosco County Airport Advisory Board Chairperson.

Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission

Carruthers-Soboleski informs the board that Wesley did attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The Parks and Recreation are doing more work on the Snowmobile/ORV trails. It is a constant back and forth with the state to get them to understand that the ORV season does not end when they think it does. The Commission has a community reimbursement grant that townships, cities, and organizations can apply for once per year if the project deals with recreation. This grant is worth up to \$25,000.00.

Tasior suggests the Parks and Recreation Commission invites House Representative Mike Hoadley to their next meeting.

COMMENTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tasior – MAP educational sessions on June 6, 2023 and June 15, 2023 at the Warrior Pavilion in Oscoda, Michigan.

Finley – Where does Public Safety fall in the Master Plan? Tasior responds that Public Safety is one of the top goals/priorities.

Wesley entered the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Murphy asks the board if they would like her to gather the Master Plans from the cities and townships within the county. Tasior says that the consultant will gather these.

Murphy informs the board that the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Recreational Master Plan is complete and copies are available. Finley, Tasior, and Rogalski would like a copy.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Yorke asks about the next meeting date. Murphy responds that the next meeting would be June 20, 2023. However, if the board would like to wait for the Iosco County Board of Commissioners to approve the RFP, the meeting can be held the last week of June or the first week of July. The board would like to review the RFP before the Board of Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The business for the day having been addressed, meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. June 20, 2023. Motioned by Tasior and seconded by Finley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully:

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR June 20, 2023