

March 23, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

This being a workshop meeting, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by County Controller/Finance Director, Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski.

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

Absent: None.

Vacant: One Vacancy.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Vacancy

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director, reached out to the Hale Area Schools Board. Jeff York, Hale Area Schools Super Intendent, may be interested in being appointed to the Iosco County Planning Commission.

By-Laws

Carruthers-Soboleski forwarded the By-Laws to the attorney for review. The attorney had some questions, which Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director, answered. These By-Laws need to be reviewed annually.

Tasior asked if Iosco County has a Zoning Board of Appeals. Murphy indicated that Iosco County does not and that we do not have ordinances that apply to the whole of the county. Each city and township have their own ordinances and Zoning Board of Appeals. Tasior would like all references to the Zoning Board of Appeals to be taken out of the By-Laws. There is still reference to this board in the Public Hearings Section. Murphy will strike out this section and update the By-Laws accordingly.

Rogalski would like to add that those who wish to comment give their name and address and not their township/city. Murphy will update the By-Laws to include this request.

The Planning Commission requests that the Iosco County Board of Commissioners review and approve the By-Laws. Carruthers-Soboleski will take the Iosco County Planning Commission By-Laws to the Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2023. Once approved, the Planning Commission may hold official meetings and elect officers.

Appointments to Other Committees

There are two committees that a member of the Iosco County Planning Commission is appointed to. Rogalski would like to be appointed to the Iosco County Airport Authority Board. The Planning Commission will appoint members to the Iosco County Airport Authority Board and the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission at the first official meeting.

Education

The Planning Commission says that an education fund is required and would like to have at least six hours of education per member of the commission be mandatory. Carruthers-Soboleski assures that training is extremely important but that Iosco County has a very tight budget. Rogalski requests that training should be offered and that, if necessary, the commissioners can pay for it themselves. Tasior is currently looking into grants to cover training costs.

Master Plan

Murphy will forward the current Iosco County Master Plan to the commissioners. It was adopted by the county in 2013 and is out of date. This is due to waiting for the 2020 census to be complete, COVID restrictions, and budget cuts. Tasior states that the census is not as important as working goals and objectives that are focused on the townships and cities.

The updated Master Plan should be incorporated into the budget. Once in place, it should be a 20-year plan that includes working goals and objectives that are being worked on by the commission. The Iosco County Board of Commissioners should be updated on these goals. It is mandatory to be reviewed every 5-years.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 2023.

Respectfully:

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

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR April 5, 2023