

August 22, 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, and Wesley.

Absent: Finley, Yorke.

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 – July 25, 2023

Rogalski motions to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated June 20, 2023 with corrections and Tasior seconds.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Additions, Corrections, & Approval

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

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

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Plainfield Township Master Plan Update Comments

Rogalski did not receive Plainfield Township's Master Plan draft. The draft was sent to Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director, on August 17, 2023. The Planning Commission has 30-days to respond. Rogalski will review the document and send her comments to Murphy.

Tasior has reviewed the draft and notes that Section 7: Implementation Plan is well written. He likes that there are time frames, funding source, and responsible parties for the goals, which makes the progress of the goals easily measurable. He would like to see that the goals are tied to the surveys.

Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director, and Wesley founds some typos within the draft.

Overall, the draft fits all of the qualifications of the Michigan Enabling Act. The Planning Commission will send Plainfield Township an email commenting on their draft as a group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iosco County Airport Advisory Board

As the Iosco County Airport Advisory Board only meets quarterly, there was no meeting.

Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks and Recreation have approved 10,000 copies of trail maps once the QR code is added. These will be distributed to all the municipalities for free.

Murphy has sent the DNR a request for a special maintenance grant.

Baldwin Township is discussing the possibility of connecting the bike path.

Tasior informs the board that Oscoda Township will be placing mile markers on the AuSable River and on the bike trails.

COMMENTS OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MI HOPE Grant Update

- Issues with the portal recognizing Iosco County residents and sending them to NEMCSA instead.
 - We have asked MSHDA to fix this.
- Carruthers-Soboleski had submitted the Program Guidelines to MSHDA on May 31st and Iosco County has not been given the notice to proceed with the grant.
- We have posted an RFP for contractors to work on the projects in both of the newspapers.
- Carruthers-Soboleski has applied for Phase IV of the MI HOPE Grant.

Housing Study

- Target Alpena has applied for a grant to allow them to do a Regional Housing Study.
- Should Iosco County apply for a grant to do its own Housing Study?
 - The Planning Commission suggests encouraging each municipality to do their own study and then Iosco County will collect and consolidate the information.

Creating a Schedule for Future Meetings

- Murphy has created a quarterly meeting schedule.
- The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners meeting room.
- The grant for updating the Iosco County Master Plan will have been submitted.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The business for the day having been addressed, meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. October 24, 2023. Motioned by Tasior and seconded by Rogalski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully:

Kathleen M. Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 24, 2023