

**MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
M I N U T E S**

Monday, April 12, 2004, 7:00 p.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Administrative Building

Members Present:                    John Johansen  
   Franz Mogdis  
   Bruce Noll  
   Lonnie Smith  
   David Raney

Members Absent:                    Don Smucker  
   Phil Lund

Participating Members Present:    Don Lehman

Others Present:                    Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mogdis at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Mogdis led the group in the Pledge.

**Roll Call**

Lisa Lund took roll and announced a quorum present.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Mogdis opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 8, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Bruce Noll to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lonnie Smith. John Johansen stated that the process by which the approved minutes get to the County Board of Commissioners needs to be addressed. Lisa Lund was asked to contact Missy Hetherington to let her know the minutes were approved and to forward them to her for both February and March and in the future. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. John Johansen asked that an addition be made under new business regarding Newaygo County community plan request letter. Motion by John Johansen to accept agenda with that ammendment, seconded by Bruce Noll. Motion Carried.

**Reports**

None.

## **Old Business**

### Resolution 1-2004 and 2-2004

The meeting packet included two resolutions Franz Mogdis drafted per the direction of the Planning Commission at its March meeting for the City of Greenville. Resolution 1-2004 stated the Planning Commission's support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to provide the additional funding needed to acquire the land for the sports complex. Resolution 2-2004 stated the Planning Commission's support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for funding to develop Phase three of the Fred Meijer Flat River trail development. John Johansen added that Greenville City Manager George Bosanic made a public comment at a recent Coalition of Greater Greenville meeting to thank the Planning Commission for passing the resolutions.

### Planning And Zoning Subscription

Franz Mogdis looked into subscription for Planning and Zoning News publication. There were different price breaks mentioned for a certain number of subscriptions. It was moved by John Johansen to order a total of 19 subscriptions at a cost of \$380. Subscriptions would be assigned to the following individuals: the members of the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission's recording secretary (8 total), the members of the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners (8- John Johansen will already receive through planning commission), Montcalm Michigan State University Extension office (1), Montcalm County's Controller Ed Sell (1), and the Planning Commission office (1). Motion seconded by Bruce Noll. Motion carried. John Johansen asked Lisa Lund to work with Missy on a distribution plan since all subscriptions will be mailed to same address; it was suggested the publications be distributed to recipients at their respective meetings to save on postage. Franz Mogdis will place the order. The subscription will run a year from date subscribed (May, 2004- April, 2005).

### Montcalm Destiny 2020

David Raney asked for an update on this event which occurred March 18. John Johansen reported that 76 people were in attendance and the event went very well with nearly two hours of presentation and twelve minutes of public question and answer. As Chair of the Land Use Coalition, John Johansen stated that the three committees did an excellent job preparing for the event and that Thursday night is land use coalition meeting and they will address follow up issues pertinent to the event.

## **New Business**

### Michigan State University Land Policy Grants Initiative

Don Lehman distributed a handout and discussed the new grant opportunities related to land use. This grant provides ten programs, which are priority areas. Don was directed toward Rapid Response Grants as a possibility for the Planning Commission. Michigan State University will be accepting more grants applications in July. Don suggested we would want to sit with somebody from the Michigan State University Campus to discuss ideas and plans prior to application. David Raney asked for a brief overview of the build out exercise being proposed as a grant project idea. Franz Mogdis explained basically that build outs are a projection of township land use based on current zoning and parcel mapping' some townships have already been completed. It is the idea that we would use a grant to continue the build out process for

some remaining townships. The build out would help townships to see the projections and decide if that is what they want to see happen, and it would also assist in putting together a county land use plan.

Motion by Bruce Noll that the Montcalm County Planning Commission request that Montcalm Michigan State University Extension pursue funding assistance through the Michigan State University land policy grants initiative to assist us in developing a county land use plan. Seconded by David Raney. Motion carried

#### Communication from Newaygo County

John Johansen stated that the Montcalm County Commissioners received this correspondence initially but John Johansen felt this group should review it. Franz Mogdis suggested that David Raney being from the tri-county area be the Planning Commissions representative on the ad-hoc committee reviewing its county comprehensive master plan. David Raney was accepting of this idea. Motion by John Johansen that the Planning Commission appoint David Raney as its representative to participate on the ad hoc committee. Seconded by Bruce Noll. Members concurred that there would be benefit from participating in the process. Motion carried.

Lisa Lund was directed to send a letter to the Newaygo County Administration from the Planning Commission with David's contact information, and further that it be cc:d to David Raney and Ed Sell (for inclusion in the Montcalm County Commissioner's meeting packet).

#### Coalition of Greater Greenville (COGG)

John Johansen described the purpose of Coalition of Greater Greenville (COGG) and said it has been in existence for 7 years now. There is currently an attempt to expand Coalition's involvement with others outside the Greenville area. On behalf of COGG, John Johansen agreed to secure representation from the Montcalm Alliance, the Land Use Coalition, and the Montcalm County Planning Commission. Members believed that COGG would be an important group to link with. David Raney moved that the committee agree to participate with monthly COGG meetings and that John Johansen approach Phil Lund to ask if he has interest in being a liaison from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Bruce Noll. Motion carried.

Franz Mogdis asked that all future Planning Commission agendas meetings have the Newaygo Comprehensive Master Plan Review Steering Committee and Coalition of Greater Greenville under the Report section.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Noll. Seconded by David Raney. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary