

**MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, June 15, 2006, 6:00 p.m.

Eastview Room

Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton

Members Present:

Bruce Noll  
Lonnie Smith  
John Johansen  
S. Michael Scott  
Franz Mogdis  
Don Smucker  
Pete Haines

Members Absent:

Phil Lund

Participating Members Present:

Don Lehman, Michigan State University Montcalm Extension

Others Present:

Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Franz Mogdis called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Franz Mogdis led the group in the Pledge.

**Roll Call**

Lisa Lund took roll call and announced a quorum present.

**Public Comments**

Chairman Mogdis opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

All handouts noted are on file with the Recording Secretary.

Motioned by Don Smucker to approve the June 1, 2006 meeting minutes. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried. (HANDOUT A).

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motioned by S. Michael Scott to approve agenda. Seconded by Lonnie Smith. Motion carried.

**Reports**

None.

**Old Business**

All handouts noted are on file with the Recording Secretary.

Discuss Master List of Proposed Amendments Compiled by Mark Wyckoff Dated June 4, 2006

Members received copies of the proposed amendments to the Montcalm County General Plan compiled by Mark Wyckoff following the June 1, 2006 public hearing. (HANDOUT B)

Motioned by Bruce Noll to approve the amendments as presented. Seconded by S. Michael Scott. Motion carried.

Pete Haines suggested that Lisa Lund send a communication on behalf of the Planning Commission to all persons that submitted public comments for the General Plan. The communication should include a letter of appreciation, a copy of the June 1, 2006 meeting minutes, and a list of the amendments. The Planning Commission members supported this idea and asked Lisa Lund to do this.

### **New Business**

All handouts noted are on file with the Recording Secretary.

### **Resolution of Adoption of Montcalm County General Plan**

The Resolution of Adoption of Montcalm County General Plan document was presented to the membership. (HANDOUT C)

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution and results were as follows:

Bruce Noll- Yes  
Lonnie Smith- Yes  
John Johansen- Yes  
S. Michael Scott- Yes  
Franz Mogdis- Yes  
Don Smucker- Yes  
Pete Haines- Yes  
Phil Lund- Absent

7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Franz Mogdis asked Lisa Lund to revise the resolution to include the vote information and forward a signed copy along with a copy of the June 15, 2006 meeting minutes to the Board of Commissioners. By doing this, the Planning Commission is asking the County Commission to adopt the Montcalm County General Plan with the approved amendments. Franz Mogdis will contact Mark Wyckoff to request a draft resolution the County Commissioners can use to adopt the General Plan. Furthermore, Franz Mogdis requested that a copy of the article in the April, 2006 Planning and Zoning News also be forwarded to the Planning Commissioners for their information; this article reports about the Michigan Land Use Excellence award recently given to Mark Wyckoff for "outstanding contributions for the future of land use in Michigan."

Franz Mogdis informed the group that he had met with John Berchtold regarding the 2006-2007 Planning Commission budget. While most budget items will remain similar, but there is a new request for \$15,000. These funds would be used to hire a land use educator who would work with local units of government and other constituencies to promote the use and implementation of the General Plan.

### **Public Comments**

Chairman Mogdis opened the floor again for public comment. There were no public comments.

### **Next Meetings**

Planning Commission members agreed not to have a July meeting.

Further, Planning Commission members agreed to change the regular meeting date.

Starting in August, the Planning Commission will meet on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers in the Montcalm County Administration Building located at 211 W. Main St. in Stanton.

For the remainder of 2006, the regular schedule of meeting dates for the Planning Commission is as follows:

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

**Adjournment**

Motioned by John Johansen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bruce Noll. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary