

**MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

Monday, August 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Administrative Building

Members Present: David Raney  
Phil Lund  
Franz Mogdis  
John Johansen  
Bruce Noll  
Lonnie Smith  
Don Smucker

Members Absent: None

Participating Members Present: Don Lehman

Others Present: Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mogdis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Mogdis led the group in the Pledge facing the flag which he brought for on-going Planning Commission use.

**Roll Call**

Lisa Lund took roll call and announced a quorum present.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Mogdis opened the floor for public comment. John Johansen thanked Lisa Lund for her detailed work on the meeting minutes. John, in referring to an e-mail he came across, also thanked Don Smucker for his good work in communicating with Montcalm Township Association.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 12, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Motioned by Bruce Noll to approve the minutes. Seconded by Phil Lund. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. Motioned by Don Smucker to accept the agenda. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried.

## **Reports**

### Newaygo Comprehensive Master Plan Steering Committee

David Raney had nothing to report.

### Coalition of Greater Greenville

John Johansen asked Phil Lund if he was receiving e-mail regarding Coalition of Greater Greenville (COGG) meetings as he was not earlier. Phil replied he was receiving them now. John said the next COGG meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2004. Both Phil Lund and Franz Mogdis are planning to attend.

## **Old Business and Reports**

### Michigan State University Grant

Don Lehman distributed a copy of the Michigan State University project grant that was submitted for the land use build-out models. Don Lehman tried to contact Michigan State University today for additional feedback but no one was available to respond. Don Lehman stated that even if grant is not approved, Dr. Machemer's has expressed interest in pursuing the project.

### Land Use Plan Proposal

The Board of Commissioner's Finance Committee is going through their preparation for a Fiscal year 2005 budget. Last Tuesday Franz Mogdis met with Finance Committee and affirmed that budget was fine in terms of line items, except for the line item on consulting. Franz updated them on the request for economic development fund in the amounts of \$40,000, \$30,000, and \$10,000 respectively over the next three years for the Planning and Zoning Center Inc. (PZC) proposal. Franz left the Finance Committee copies of proposal along with review sheet. The Finance Committee members did not asked questions at the presentation. Franz said a couple days after the presentation, he talked to County Controller Ed Sell asking whether it made sense to finalize the PZC contract in terms of contract conditions. Franz said that Ed recommended that Franz go ahead and identify changes that needed to be made, but Ed advised that it would not be brought to the Board of Commissioners meeting until the first meeting in September. Due to this slight delay, the contract start date would not be until October 1 if approved, instead of September 1 as originally proposed.

Franz asked if it would be appropriate and beneficial to put together a communiqué signed by members expressing the intent of the commission and the proposal. John Johansen said that doing so would not be a bad idea but that timing would be the main issue. Franz said he could draft a memo and e-mail to Planning Commission members for comment and sign off and then make revisions and submit it to the Board of Commissioners. John again verbally supported the idea of the written communiqué. Furthermore, John suggested that as many Planning Commission members as possible attend the September Board of Commissioners meeting at which time the Board of Commissioners will have an agenda item initiated by the Planning Commission requesting approval for the proposed land use plan development contract with PZC. The presentation is planned for Monday, September 13 at likely 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m., with the time to be confirmed. Motioned by Bruce Noll that the Planning Commission request Chairperson Mogdis to draft a memo to the Board of Commissioners in support of the funding of

the proposal contract and circulate to members for feedback and approval prior to sending to the Board of Commissioners as discussed. Seconded by Lonnie Smith. Motion carried.

John Johansen spoke to the Board of Commissioners at their July 26 meeting about mapping.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Motioned by Phil Lund to adjourn. Seconded by Don Smucker. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary