

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

Monday, August 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Administrative Building

Members Present: Franz Mogdis  
John Johansen  
Bruce Noll  
Lonnie Smith  
Don Smucker  
Pete Haines

Members Absent: David Raney  
Phil Lund

Participating Members Present: Don Lehman, MSUE

Others Present: Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary  
Marcia Walker, County Commissioner

**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.

**Roll Call**

Lisa Lund took roll call 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 July 18 meeting were reviewed. Motioned by John Johansen to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Lonnie Smith. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. John Johansen asked that "Replacement for David Raney" be added under old business, and that "Communication from John Berchtold" be added under new business. Motioned by Don Smucker to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Bruce Knoll. Motion carried.

**Reports**

None

## **Old Business**

All handouts noted are on file with the Recording Secretary.

### Replacement for Dave Raney

David Raney indicated at a previous meeting that he will resign his position as Citizen at Large effective the September meeting. Franz Mogdis will draft a written recommendation from the Planning Commission requesting that S. Michael Scott be appointed to fill the County, Cities, and Villages membership position, and further, that current Planning Commission member Phil Lund be appointed to fill the Citizen At Large membership position that is being vacated by Raney. Melissa Hetherington at the County Controller's office should receive this written recommendation by Tuesday morning for the Board of Commissioners meeting packet.

## **New Business**

All handouts noted are on file with the Recording Secretary.

### Fact Book Status

Members shared ideas for proposed revisions and clarifications for the Fact Book (revised July, 2005). These were noted by the Chairperson in his master copy that he will share with Planning and Zoning Center, Inc. Franz Mogdis requested that members submit any additional comments by Monday, August 22, 2005.

Significant information gaps were identified for community facilities information and zoning maps. Additional effort needs to be made to get this information submitted.

- Entities that have not responded to the Planning Commission's request for community facilities information are as follows: Belvidere Township, Cato Township, Eureka Township, Fairplains Township, Home Township, City of Greenville, Pierson Township, Village of Pierson, and Winfield Township.
- Townships that have not responded to the Planning Commission's request for zoning maps are as follows: Maple Valley, Winfield, Douglass, and Eureka.

Members reviewed the draft document called "Chapter \_\_\_- Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies" that was distributed at the July meeting. This document will be part of the master plan. Franz Mogdis noted key points and asked members to review it more closely and submit proposed changes by Friday, August 19, 2005.

The group discussed the interface of the land use master plan and the parks and recreation plans the County Commission was conducting. Marcia Walker expressed that the County's Parks and Recreation Committee was interested in long term planning. John Johansen indicated that in addition to strategies that directly referenced recreation and parks, there were references throughout the "Vision" document that the Parks and Recreation Committee could take into consideration for planning purposes, such as open space and trails. Marcia and Bruce Knoll will take the information gained tonight to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday for additional discussion. Franz Mogdis specifically suggested providing Page 7-24 of the Fact Book.

Communication from John Berchtold

John Johansen shared a communication from County Controller John Berchtold. John Berchtold asked if something should be dedicated in either the Fact Book and/ or land use plan in regards to broadband and wireless internet infrastructure. Franz Mogdis indicated that it should be included at least in the "Vision" document.

Members were concerned that with the agenda reflecting an incorrect 6:00 p.m. start time, perhaps scheduled presenter Gerritt Bakker did not receive correct start time notification. Lisa Lund was asked to apologize to Gerritt for the miscommunication if that was the case and invite him to present in September.

The September Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.- Third Floor Conference Room, Administrative Building. (NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME OF 6:00 P.M.).

Motioned by John Johansen to adjourn. Seconded by Pete Haines. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary