

**MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Monday, October 16, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Third Floor, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
Administrative Building

Members Present: Bruce Noll
Lonnie Smith
John Johansen
S. Michael Scott
Franz Mogdis
Phil Lund
Don Smucker

Members Absent: Pete Haines

Participating Members Present: Don Lehman, Michigan State University Montcalm Extension

Others Present: Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Franz Mogdis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Bruce Noll to approve the September 18 meeting minutes. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried. (HANDOUT A).

Approval of the Agenda

John Johansen asked Franz to add the item of recommendation to MSUE for land use educator position and wage under new business. Motioned by Don Smucker to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried.

Reports

Lisa Lund presented the correspondence she received (HANDOUTS B, C, and D). These included: two correspondence from Montcalm Conservation District regarding Farmland Applications they endorsed, and correspondence from Spencer Township regarding their intent to review their master plan.

Old Business

None

New BusinessGeneral Plan Implementation Next Steps

The list of 16 implementation priorities was reviewed for progress. Franz will prepare a written progress update for the November meeting.

Land Use Educator

The Board of Commissioners approved the position description, pay range (of \$14 -\$22 an hour), and the budget line item. The Planning Commission will make recommendations to Michigan State University Extension to fill the land use educator position and for the salary range.

Don Smucker excused himself from the room for discussion purposes.

Motioned by S. Michael Scott to recommend hiring Don Smucker for the position of Land Use Educator at a wage of \$20 an hour. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried with one abstention of Don Smucker.

Public Comments

Don Lehman stated that presenter Ms. Cleary from Michigan Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Unit will discuss Farmland Preservation at the Land Use Coalition meeting on October 26.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm in the third floor conference room at the County Administration Building, 211 W. Main, Stanton.

Adjournment

Motioned by S. Michael Scott to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Lund, Recording Secretary