

MENOMINEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

July 25, 2011

Call to Order

The Menominee County Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm CDT by Chair Lillian Schultz on July 25, 2011 at the Michigan State University Extension office, in Stephenson, MI with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was scheduled for 5 PM but due to a lack of quorum we again waited for a quorum until 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Eric Bergh; Jim Pearson; Charlene Peterson; Lillian Schultz; Warren Suchovsky.

Quorum to vote was present by 5:30 pm. (Late: Wayne Erickson – 6:15 pm)

Absent: Bill Anderson

Eric Bergh (balance of 2-yr term) was welcomed as the new educational-interest representative to the county planning commission.

Public Comment (no public present) – However, Jim Pearson, County Board Commissioner spoke about the meeting held with the Marinette and Menominee County Boards and EXPLORER SOLUTIONS reference the potential uses and plans for the County Airport facility. Charlene Peterson also attended this meeting to learn about possible business opportunities for the county and surrounding communities.

Approval of Agenda

Additions were made to the agenda: Need a secretary until re-organizational meeting in 2012; and approval of Spaulding Township Recreation Plan under Old Business. Under new business - a letter notifying County Planning Commission that Stephenson Township is writing a Master Plan.

Motion by Suchovsky, support by Peterson to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from the May 25, 2011 meeting were approved as written. Motion by Suchovsky, support by Pearson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary for the PC for the balance of this year until 2012 re-organizational meeting is needed. Charlene Peterson was nominated to continue as pro tem secretary. Motion by Suchovsky, support by Bergh to appoint Peterson as Secretary. Motion carried.

Spaulding Township Recreation Plan was distributed at the last meeting for review. As the response time of 30 days had elapsed, the Recreation Plan for Spaulding Township was automatically declared approved. No comments or issues were brought forth on the plan.

The new material supplied by CUPPAD since the June meeting was discussed and reviewed. Chapters 2, 3, and 7 as well as some of the Pacer and other Street info has been received after updates by CUPPAD. This information was sent prior to the meeting for review.

Chapter Two – Population – Suchovsky questioned WHY we need this info. For historical trends and as a building block in assessing needs for the county on a per person basis.

After discussion, a motion was made by Pearson, supported by Bergh to accept as updated with the potential for additional data updates as material becomes available. Carried.

Chapter Three – Economic Base – initial review okay with updates as presented, needs a few more corrections, board members think we need to do additional research on a few items to get more in-depth information. No action taken.

Chapter Seven – Housing – Jail in the north end of the County to serve both Delta and Menominee counties. Again, no action taken as there is some more research to be done on SEV's and housing data. Overall, seeing a decline in the numbers in all aspects of the data.

By consensus, we agreed to do more research on our own to double check some of the CUPPAD updated data. Peterson is to contact Equalization (Peggy Schroud) to confirm some of the numbers.

Next meeting in October, we should be able to move on to chapters 5 and up for more review.

Suchovsky again questioned the purpose of the Comprehensive Master Plan...was it to look at historical trends or is the MCPC going to PLAN for the Future?

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephenson Township Master Plan....it was determined that an electronic transmission from CUPPAD when the Master Plan is available for review would be acceptable. Motion by Pearson, support by Suchovsky. Carried. Secretary will advise CUPPAD via their form that MCPC will accept the Stephenson Township Master Plan for review electronically.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 24, 2011 – 5:00 PM

Public Comment: (none)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Suchovsky, support by Erickson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Charlene Peterson, Secretary, pro tem

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