

Menominee County Planning Commission
S904 U.S. Highway 41 Stephenson, MI 49887
Planning Commission Minutes
September 23, 2013

Call To Order: Menominee County Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chair Lillian Schultz at the Michigan State University Extension office in Stephenson, MI with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Paul Anderson, Donna Buechler, Charlene Peterson, Lillian Schultz, Warren Suchovsky. Absent: Bill Anderson and Commissioner James Furlong. Quorum was present to conduct business. Guest: Ron Yesney of MI DNR.

Public Comment: None (Bob Desjarlais and Dick Peterson present)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Peterson to approve agenda; support by Suchovsky. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Suchovsky to approve June 24, 2013 minutes as presented, support by Peterson. Motion carried.

Old Business: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - No report.

New Business: Brian Bousley, County Administrator sent a letter to the Planning Commission informing them of the County Board's bylaw change re: Committees to now allow payment of per diems for all non-County Board members attending meetings up to \$50 / person per meeting. The annual budget for the Planning Commission is only \$1000.00 per year. Budgets would not be increased to cover meeting fees. PC members wanted to know why there were no guidelines; the Planning Commission members all felt they were there to represent a specific area of interest, not to be paid; the possible idea of a postponement to take action until the PC is re-organized in the Spring of 2014 was also presented. Suchovsky made the following motion supported by P. Anderson: *County Board should establish the volunteer per diem fee equal for all board members including the County Commissioner members assigned to the respective boards. Carried.*

PA 116 forms – file.

PRESENTATION: Ron Yesney of the MICHIGAN DNR
Ron presented a lengthy program on the potential for trail development and use opportunities in Menominee County. The hope is that this will assist in the promotion of more tourism in the county. Multi-use trails rather than separate ones for each type of outdoor activity seem to be the wave of the future for equestrians, ORV and ATV and Snowmobile riders as well as bikers and hikers. Many issues need to be addressed including financial and law enforcement before any development occurs.

Suchovsky proposed a recommendation the Menominee County Planning Commission advise the Menominee County Parks and Recreation Board that when they next review the 5-year Recreation Plan that an amendment to recognize the potential for trail opportunities be included. Buechler supported this motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: MONDAY, January 27, 2013 – 5:00 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Peterson to adjourn; support by P. Anderson.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Minutes Submitted by:

Donna Buechler
Menominee County Planning Commission

Minutes Approved 12-9-13