

MENOMINEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

May 25, 2011

The Menominee County Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm CDT by Chair, Lillian Schultz 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 waited to call the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Charlene Peterson, Lillian Schultz, and Warren Suchovsky. Wayne Erickson arrived at 5:55 pm. Absent: Bill Anderson, Jim Pearson. Roger Cole submitted his letter of resignation in early May as he is moving out of the area. County is looking for a replacement to represent educational interests.

Public Comment: (In attendance: Bob Desjarlais) - None

Michelle Dewitt of CUPPAD was invited to participate in this meeting; thus the date and time for this additional regular meeting was set to accommodate her schedule.

Eventually by 6 PM, a quorum was present to conduct business. An informal discussion with CUPPAD representative covered some basic questions on timelines, who is responsible for updates, recommendations on current document, etc.

Approval of the Agenda: Peterson moved to approve; supported by Suchovsky. Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Suchovsky, supported by Erickson to approve regular meeting minutes for April 25, 2011 as submitted. Carried. Minutes will be filed with the county.

OLD BUSINESS: 2003 MENOMINEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTE: These discussions will continue at the July 25th – regular meeting session. CH 5-8.

1. Menominee County 5-year Recreation Plan was distributed to MCPC members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A government loan application had been received for comment from Barley Trucking and Excavation. By general consensus we agreed to take no action at this time. Later when we had a quorum – Erickson moved and Suchovsky supported to take no action. Carried.
2. Spaulding Township has their 5-year Recreation Plan ready for the public hearing process. Lillian Schultz, Township Supervisor pointed out the areas of changes/updates. This document will be on the next agenda for MCPC review. Copies were distributed.
3. CUPPAD Senior Planner Michelle Dewitt attended this meeting at our invitation. Her role and that of CUPPAD were discussed.
 - a. Timeline: Most of the remaining census information should be available in the next 6 to 12 months. Therefore, by the end of 2011 and/or by mid-2012 all of the data which needs updating should be available to us thru CUPPAD to finish this review project.
 - b. The current title should be MASTER PLAN instead of COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
 - c. CUPPAD has already used up about 10 hours of the allotted (est) 40 hours which we get for services thru the county payment of dues to CUPPAD. Beyond that, a technical services contract would become necessary.
 - d. Ms Dewitt is sending copies of data she has already updated and some suggestions for changes or deletions on other items. She concurs with using the county park recreation plan data for county plan updates as it is current.
 - e. Chapters pertaining to Population, Economic Development and Housing are already being corrected with available new data.
 - i. With Chapters 2, 3, and 7 plus the Rec Plan information we are already well on the way to making updates.
 - ii. Decided it would be easier and better for the MCPC members to write up the sections that pertain to specific areas of knowledge better informed about local area issues or conditions.
 - iii. Economic Base can be updated thru Equalization however it may be about a year before the info is available.
 - iv. Chapter 9 on Transportation – traffic count info available now. Dewitt to insert info about the PASER system of rating the condition of the roads and listing the categories and the criteria involved in the assessment.
 - v. Dewitt offered to review the list of maps and note which should be deleted and why and mark “KEEP” on the useful ones.
 - vi. A Section on FUTURE LAND USE recommendations for the next 5, 10, 20 years should be added to the Master Plan.

- f. About 60% of the information in the current document needs to be updated.
 - g. Dewitt will do the numbers crunching and update the charts with info.
4. Next regular meeting date: Monday, July 25, 2011 was confirmed.
 5. It was agreed by general consensus to come prepared at the July 25 meeting ready to discuss and make recommendations for changes to Chapters 5 thru 8.

Public Comment: Bob Desjarlais stated the DEQ permit for the Shakey Lakes Park bathhouse project as well as other grants to assist with other county parks upgrades had been approved and work would be proceeding in the near future. The County Building Codes Inspector tendered an offer to be the Project Manager for the Shakey Lakes Park project; it was accepted at the County Board meeting on May 24, 2011.

Moved to adjourn by Suchovsky; seconded by Erickson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Charlene Peterson, Vice-Chair

Pro tem Secretary