

ISABELLA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

January 9, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on January 9, 2014 in Room 320 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Gilchrist, Kelly Bean (arrived 7:10), Jerry Neyer, Heather Turner, Cheryl Jindeel, Evelyn Kent, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Horton (Excused)

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Tim Nieporte, Community Development Director
Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Neyer at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Jindeel supported by Ms. Kent to approve the agenda as submitted.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel and Vogel.

No: None.

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Nieporte opened nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Ms. Jindeel nominated Mr. Neyer for Chairperson.

Mr. Nieporte called for other nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Mr. Murphy to close the nominations and a unanimous vote to be cast for Mr. Neyer as Chairperson.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel and Vogel.

No: None.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Neyer was declared Chairperson.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gilchrist nominated Mr. Bean for Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Nieporte called for other nominations.

A motion was made by Ms. Kent supported by Ms. Jindeel to close the nominations and a unanimous vote to be cast for Mr. Bean as Vice Chairperson.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel and Vogel.
No: None.

Motion carried.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Bean was declared Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Vogel nominated Ms. Jindeel for Secretary.

Mr. Nieporte called for other nominations.

A motion was made by Ms. Kent supported by Mr. Murphy to close the nominations and a unanimous vote to be cast for Ms. Jindeel as Secretary.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel, Vogel and Bean.
No: None.

Motion carried.

By a unanimous vote, Ms. Jindeel was declared Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy supported by Ms. Jindeel to maintain the time and date for the regular meetings as is, on the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. in room 225 of the Isabella County Building.

Mr. Neyer called for a vote on the motion.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel, Vogel and Bean.
No: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Neyer appointed Mr. Gilchrist to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Ms. Jindeel to Parks and Recreation Commission.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the November 14, 2013 regular meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Ms. Kent to approve the minutes as presented.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel, Vogel and Bean.
No: None.

Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Gilchrist reported the Zoning Board did meet and approved a variance for Mr. Benaske in the month of November.

Parks & Recreation – none

Board of Commissioners – none

TOWNSHIP CONCERNS

Jackie Curtis, Denver Township, none heard.

Tom Gibbs, Gilmore Township, none heard.

Bob Neeland, Isabella Township, none heard

PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

PLANNING COMMISSION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Nieporte gave a presentation of the 2013 Planning Commission Annual Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Kent, supported by Mr. Gilchrist, to adopt the 2013 Annual Report and to forward to the Board of Commissioners for their review and acceptance.

Yes: Gilchrist, Murphy, Neyer, Kent, Turner, Jindeel, Vogel and Bean.

No: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AREA OF NOTIFICATION

Mr. Nieporte stated that he received a directive received from the Board of Commissioners for the Planning Commission to review the area of Notification for Variances, Special Use Permits and Zoning Amendments and provide a report including a recommendation. The Board asked Staff to seek a legal opinion and information from other communities relative to the issue. The Board also agreed that any and all courtesy type notification should be made as a matter of policy.

Additional discussion occurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Curtis inquired if in 2014 there would be a joint meeting between County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Nieporte stated that would be something the County Board would schedule.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

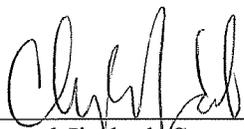
Mr. Bean inquired if the issue of eliminating county zoning had been put to rest at the County Board level.

Mr. Nieporte stated as far as he knows it has been put to rest at the County Board level.

Mr. Bean further stated that it is nice to see the intergovernmental agreements between the County and Townships in regards to zoning and assisting with the floodplains.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the call of the Chairperson at 8:00 p.m.



Cheryl Jindeel, Secretary
Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary