

ISABELLA COUNTY  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION

December 8, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on December 8, 2016 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton, Tim O'Neil, Erin Strang, Phillip Vogel, Kelly Bean

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the commission.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bean requested that the agenda be approved as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Ms. Strang to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton, Tim O'Neil, Erin Strang, Phillip Vogel, Kelly Bean

No: None

Motion carried

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 2016 regular meeting were circulated to the commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy supported by Ms. Strang to approve the minutes with corrections to the header date.

Yes Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton, Tim O'Neil, Erin Strang, Phillip Vogel, Kelly Bean

No: None

Motion carried

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Gilchrist had no report.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Murphy reported at that no meeting was held.

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Horton reported that the E. coil ad hoc committee met and had discussion of possible enforcement actions by the Central Michigan Community Health Department.

### **TOWNSHIP CONCERNS**

Rolland – Dan Shaw had nothing to report

Denver – Jackie Curtis had nothing to report.

Sherman – Richard Schmidt had nothing to report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joan Henning read a prepared statement to the commission which expressed her disappointment with the appeal process and her lack of notification of a deadline to the appeal.

### **County-wide Agricultural Tourism Discussion**

Mr. Nieporte asked the commission to clarify through discussion a direction for Agricultural Tourism moving forward. Commission discussion took place with regard to Agricultural Tourism. The consensus of the commission was to research other communities, consider options for special use and prepare some criteria for review.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Shaw – Rolland Township Supervisor asked for direction from the Board how to answer questions for his constitutions which would relate to land use. He was seeking input on how farm operations are

impacted by other uses.

Mr. Nieporte informed Mr. Shaw to direct citizen questions with regard to land use, to our office or in the case of an agricultural issue he may also contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**STAFF COMMENTS –**

Mr. Nieporte distributed a letter to the board received on December 7, 2016 from Mr. Stamm a property owner on Walton Rd. Mr. Stamm asked for the commission to reconsider the action under Agricultural Tourism.

Mrs. White requested a return letter be sent to Mr. Stamm acknowledging receipt of his letter.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Bean inquired if the Appeal form could include the 21 day window.

Mr. Nieporte stated staff had already looked into changing the form which now is a multi-use form .

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mrs. Silker at 7:53 p.m.

Yes Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton, Tim O'Neil, Erin Strang, Phillip Vogel, Kelly Bean

No: None

Motion carried

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Nancy White, Secretary  
Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary