

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda

County Annex Meeting Room

April 24, 2019

5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer (Staff); Ardis, Craig; Belser, Charles; Blaszak, Sherry; Fisher, Craig; Lutke, Alex; Miller, Bruce; Smallegan, Dean

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 by the Chair; this was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting were approved following a motion by Miller with support from Ardis; all in favor – minutes accepted as presented. The April 24, 2019 agenda was approved following a motion by Fisher with support from Lutke – minutes accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lake City Updates:

- a. Craig Ardis shared updates regarding the Lake City School's Community Center, reporting that the Center has about 481 users signed up, and it averages 40 visitors each day who use the Center's facilities. The hours are currently 6-7:30am and 4:30-7pm.
- b. The city has been proactively moving forward with Master Planning, including distribution of a housing survey and a community meeting which will take place in mid-July to include seasonal residents. There has been progress toward attracting a grocery store to the Lake City area, which would fill the void that was left locally when Foster's permanently closed. A city meeting will be held on May 13th 2019 to give further consideration to a prospective offer.
- c. The city has also been making progress in the effort to bring a health care clinic to the area; an arrangement is in the works.

2. McBain Updates: Craig Fisher reported that the Master Plan has been completed and the Recreation Plan is next; a new play area and park (including a splash park) are future goals. There is also interest in trails; discussion ensued regarding logistics (both geographically, jurisdictionally, and otherwise) of linking Missaukee Mountain, the Conservation District, Missaukee Parks, McBain, Cadillac Pathways, etc through non-motorized trails. The gas station project in McBain is progressing; some difficulties were encountered related to a plugged line that the city had to correct. The group also discussed state forest management plans and the relationship to school forests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Casair – A meeting has been scheduled to take place at the McBain Fire Department on May 10th to discuss the upcoming Casair project that is expected to bring broadband internet to the southern portion of Missaukee County from at least McBain across into Wexford County.

MISCELLANEOUS: Reported on the Missaukee County Recreation Plan amendment progress, and the upcoming American Legion Post #300 centennial anniversary that will be celebrated this summer during the Greatest Fourth in the North festivities. As part of a float decoration, the Legion's float committee will request that members of the community donate photos of themselves or family members in uniform for a large collage; the hope is that all eras of service history and branches can be represented through the photos. Also, the American Red Cross has access to smoke alarms that can be distributed and installed by local volunteers (firefighters) if recipients can be identified. Up to three per home can be installed, and it is not limited to seniors.

Objectives to complete for April 24, 2019 meeting:

1. Continuation of Recreation Plan amendment work
2. Assist McBain in Recreation Plan development as needed

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116: 1. Koster – Motion by Bruce with support from Craig Fisher to recommend the Koster P.A. 116 application be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval. All in favor – motion passed.

2. Gernaat – Motion by Miller with support from Belser that the Gernaat P.A. 116 application be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval. All in favor – motion passed.

Public Comment** Sherry Blaszak reported that the Conservation District will pursue a DEQ (now EGLE) grant that will allow for disposal of glass, electronics, mattresses, and ag film.

ADJOURN: 5:58 following a motion by Dean with support from Craig Fisher.

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2019 5:00pm**Public Comment Rules authorized by the Missaukee County Planning Commission: Each person recognized by the Chairman shall state their name for the record and will have a limit of 3 minutes to state an opinion. All opinions will be duly noted by the Commission & if requiring an answer will be addressed by the chairman first or his designee or in writing. The audience is asked not to interrupt at any time during public comment.

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