

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

County Annex Meeting Room

August 22, 2018 5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer (Staff), Belser, Blaszak S, Fisher, Lutke, Miller, Shaarda, Smallegan

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by the Chair. Motion by Dean with support from Bruce to accept the June 27, 2018 minutes (pending a correction noted by Sherry under "Miscellaneous #3"). All in favor. The June 27, 2018 minutes were approved as noted. The August 22, 2018 agenda was approved following a motion by Bruce with support from Dean. The agenda was approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Possible new member – Contact has been made with a school representative that has expressed interest in joining the Planning Commission. The individual was invited to attend tonight's meeting but had a prior commitment and was unavailable, but plans to attend the October meeting.

2. Northwest Michigan Housing Summit October 22 2018: Planner is unavailable to attend the Summit but invited one or two Planning Commissioners to consider going. Registration and travel can come out of the Planning Commission budget; the planner will review budget and determine availability of funds and how many participants could go. Charles and Sherry each expressed interest in the program.

3. Master Plan (2018) – amendment – Tabled until October meeting.

4. Ordinance update: Update has been completed; amendment requirements will be reviewed to ensure that proper public notifications and comment period requirements are adhered to; the planner will request that the ordinance be added to an upcoming Board of Commissioners agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Technology Action Plan/Broadband – Governor Snyder has released a broadband plan, the "Michigan Broadband Roadmap" which outlines goals and timelines for bringing broadband access to underserved areas of the state. The plan provides a snapshot of current broadband status in Michigan; the state ranks 30<sup>th</sup> for broadband availability, an estimated 368,000 households do not have access to broadband, nearly 48% of households have access to only one fixed, terrestrial internet service provider, just over \$2.5 billion in potential economic benefit is left unrealized among disconnected households, and one-third of households that do not subscribe to the internet say the cost of service is too expensive.

MISCELLANEOUS: Brainstorming on ways to expand the "local foods" movement in the Lake City area to fill in the hole left with the recent closure of the only grocery store. USDA RD funding could potentially be available for development of a business incubator which could help to provide local producers a space to create, market, and sell their products. Many facets and moving parts to consider.

Objectives to complete for October 24, 2018 meeting:

1. Ordinance
2. Master Plan
3. Relationships with other governmental entities

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116 Tacoma – Application and location were reviewed; motion by Bruce with support from Craig to recommend the application for approval by the Missaukee County Board of Commissioners. All in favor – motion passed.

Public Comment\*\* None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 following a motion by Bruce with support from Craig. All in favor – adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2018 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.