

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

County Annex Meeting Room

December 20, 2017 5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer (Staff); Belser, C; Blaszak, S; Fisher, C; Miller, B; Schwager, S; Shaarda, D; Smallegan, D

Others Present: Karen Usher, Cadillac News

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The October 25, 2017 minutes were approved following a motion by Dean with support from Don – all in favor. The agenda for the December 20, 2017 meeting was approved following a motion by Don with support from Charles – all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming 2019-2023 CIP review which will take place at the February 28, 2018 Planning Commission meeting; an item of particular interest was GIS which will be a valuable asset for several county departments once fully implemented.

A Michigan State University Solar Workshop was attended November 8, 2017 in Traverse City by Susan and Linda. Much of the information was focused on residential systems and relevant zoning concerns related to such systems. It was noted that most building codes do not really address solar installations or arrays, and that the direction for solar in a community can be addressed in the Master Plan to establish goals for solar energy development, solar-specific implementation strategies, easements, and more.

OLD BUSINESS

The Recreation Plan has been completed and adopted by the Planning Commission, Parks Board, and the Missaukee Board of Commissioners, and has been forwarded to Networks Northwest. The Missaukee County Administrator will upload the plan and relevant documentation to the DNR website to complete the process. The plan was converted from Word into Publisher which greatly improved the appearance of the document.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sherry reported that the Missaukee Conservation District is going to apply again for the USDA Rural Development Solid Waste Management Grant, which if awarded will allow the Conservation District to continue recycling operations and expand programming. The Planning Commission provided a letter to the Conservation District in support of pursuit of the grant. The state is updating the current Solid Waste Management Plan, which provides for increased incorporation of recycling in solid waste management and will likely result in the eventual rewrite of local solid waste management plans to reflect the changes. Sherry also reported that the Conservation District Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 5-8:30pm at the Northland Community Church, and that holders of the DNR Recreation Passport are eligible for discounts at a variety of retailers and restaurants.

Objectives to complete for February 28, 2018 meeting:

1. Broadband/Technology
- 2.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

P.A. 116 –Matthew Cossen – motion by Bruce with support from Charles that the Planning Commission recommends this application for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment** None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6pm following a motion by Craig with support from Charles. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING: February 28, 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.