

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

County Annex Meeting Room

February 27, 2019

5:00pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Precia Garland, Administrator; Eric Karbowski, Commission on Aging Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by call of the Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed. The November 7, 2018 minutes were approved following a motion by Dean with support by Charles. All in favor – motion passed. The agenda for the February 27, 2019 meeting was approved following a motion by Bruce with support from Alex – all in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Officer Elections

- a. Chair – Motion by Bruce with support from Don that Charles retains position of Chair. All in favor – motion passed.
- b. Vice-Chair – Motion by Dean with support from Bruce that Sherry continue as vice-chair. All in favor – motion passed.
- c. Secretary – Motion by Bruce with support from Dean that Linda continues as Secretary – all in favor; motion passed.

Charles continues as Chair, Sherry as Vice-Chair, and Linda as Secretary.

2. Public Hearing – Missaukee Capital Improvement Program: Presentation by Precia. The hearing was opened by the Chair at 5:06 pm. The FY 2020-2024 projects were reviewed using hard copies and an overhead projector. The overall plan and purpose were explained by Precia, along with rationale and funding sources for projects. There was no public on hand to participate in the publicized hearing, so there was no public comment regarding the plan. There was a motion by Dean with support from Bruce that the Planning Commission adopts the Missaukee FY 2020 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program. All in favor – motion passed. The Chair closed the public hearing at 5:25pm.

3. Specialized Services Grant request approval – Missaukee: Eric Karbowski explained the Commission on Aging's desire to request the continuation of their MDOT Specialized Services grant in the amount of \$17,300.00; this grant has been awarded in the past and helps the COA provide non-emergent medical transportation to seniors aged 60 and over, or individuals under age 60 but with certain disabilities. In 2018, the COA provided 972 non-emergent rides which covered 54,000 miles; this is a valuable resource for seniors and others that are eligible for the service. Eric was asked if he is aware of the recent agreement between Lake Township and the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority, which connects Lake Township residents to Wexford County as this could be an opportunity for cooperation between the COA and the township. Discussion regarding eligibility of Lake Township residents for COA services if they can access services through CWTA (duplication of efforts?) and what would be most cost-effective. Eric will look into coordination/cooperation opportunities between the COA, Lake Township, and CWTA.

Motion by Bruce with support from Dean to approve the COA's application for the MDOT Specialized Services grant. All in favor – motion passed.

4. Seasonal Economy Information from Workshop 12/3/2018 – Presentations from the workshop were displayed using the overhead projector to highlight some of the information from the workshop; for example, the number of agricultural businesses in Missaukee County is 20% higher than the national average; Missaukee's tourism-related labor force is 14% of the total labor force in the county; annual visitor spending in Missaukee County totals \$39 million ; Missaukee's seasonal population in July is 5,475 (which is 27 % of the total July population); the second home population is 82% in Missaukee County; and Missaukee County has 30% seasonal home rate. Additionally, Missaukee has 43 short term rentals and the rate of growth of seasonal housing has been 2% as compared to a rate of 0% for all housing.

5. Recreation Plan Amendment: The Cadillac Area Visitor's Bureau requested an amendment to the Missaukee County Recreation Plan to include a single-track trail at the Cadillac Pathways (half in Missaukee County, and half in Wexford County) to allow for the pursuit of a grant through the Michigan DNR's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The additional track would increase the total trail mileage from 11 to 22 miles of multi-use trails, and it must be included in the Recreation Plan for it to be eligible for a grant.

Sherry suggested that increased signage for trail crossings would also be beneficial to the trail system. The recreation projects (Parks department) in the county's CIP will also be included in the amendment to the plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Broadband – Casair.net has been awarded a contract with the FCC over the next three years to continue to build out in a multi-county area, including Missaukee. The expansion will cover the McBain school district over toward Falmouth. Meetings will occur at Casair's home office in Stanton, Michigan to allow local representatives to view maps and get preliminary information regarding the project; subsequent meetings will be held locally.

MISCELLANEOUS: Term expirations in March – Don and Bruce. Both were provided with applications.

Objectives to complete for April 24, 2019 meeting:

1. Recreation Plan
2. Contact with Casair

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116 – Oudman – A motion by Bruce with support from Sherry to recommend for approval by the Board of Commissioners. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment** None

ADJOURN: 6:05pm

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 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.