

MISSAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

County Annex Meeting Room

November 7, 2018 5:00pm

(Rescheduled from October 24, 2018)

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

Guest Present: Craig Ardis

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by the Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Approval of August 22, 2018 minutes were approved following a motion by Zwolak with support from Smallegan – all in favor. The agenda for tonight’s meeting was approved following a motion by Fisher with support from Miller – all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Craig Ardis – Lake City update: Craig explained the Redevelopment Ready Community certification process that Lake City has been engaged in. Lake City’s current Master Plan is 20 years old; updating the plan is a top priority. The steering committee will be reaching out to the entire community, not just Lake City residents, to gain insight into the direction the community would like to see the city headed in. Any future efforts at zoning will need to be flexible and easy for potential developers to work with. Craig has been making contact with other local communities and attending meetings to introduce Lake City’s process and the scope of the project; the success of Lake City could be of benefit to the entire county. Fisher noted that economic surveys were an integral component of McBain’s Master Plan process, helping to determine where money is being spent within the community and to identify gaps. Assets that have been identified include the lakes/other water sources, the local countryside, and trails. Blaszak was interested in Lake City’s Recreation Plan status, as the Missaukee Mountain property is held by Lake City and a current, approved recreation plan could help to facilitate the development of a trail system linking the stretch between the city and Missaukee Mountain.

3. Northwest Michigan Housing Summit October 22 2018 – Belser attended the Summit and reported that zoning was a major theme as well as many varieties of housing types. He said, however, that very little of the information was related to Missaukee County or other smaller entities. Miller pointed out that financial education could be a step toward transitioning renters toward home ownership, considering that monthly rents often exceed what a mortgage payment would have been.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

MISCELLANEOUS: Smallegan reiterated the fact that the absence of broadband in a community can be a big impediment for residents and businesses, and Zwolak noted that Lake Township’s sewer rates will be increasing significantly.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116 GAC Cattle Company (1); Agema (4): All applications were reviewed. Motion by Miller with support from Blaszak to recommend the GAC Cattle Company P.A. 116 Application to the Board of Commissioners for approval – all in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Fisher with support from Zwolak to recommend all four Agema P.A. 116 applications to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Six in favor, one abstained. Motion passed.

Public Comment**No Public Comment

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm following a motion by Fisher with support from Zwolak. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: December 19, 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.