

Missaukee County Planning Commission
Minutes
County Annex Meeting Room
August 28 2019
5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Hartshorne-Shafer (Staff), Ardis, Blaszak (arrived 5:10), Fisher, Miller, Shaarda, Smallegan, Zwolak

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by staff; thi was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The April 24, 2019 minutes were approved following a motion by Miller with support from Zwolak. All in favor- motion in favor - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Missaukee County Recreation Plan Amendment (Blaszak now present and assumed direction of the meeting).
 - a. Review – The draft Recreation Plan amendment was reviewed and key points were noted, specifically the information regarding the proposed Cadillac Pathways single track bike trail project and other collaborative trail ventures (whether governmental, community groups, or private industry) and emphasizing accessibility to the extent possible.
 - b. Resolution – The Planning Commission voted on a resolution to adopt the amended Recreation plan, and recommended that the Board of Commissioners vote to adopt the amended plan as well (motion he amended plan as well (motion by Miller with support from Fisher – all in favor, motion in favor, motion passed). A public hearing will be conducted at the Board of Commissioners meeting on September 10th, prior to the request for the Board to adopt the amended plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lake City Updates – Ardis reported that Lake City continues to make progress on projects to include the prospective new grocery store in the old Foster’s building, the development of the city’s Master Plan, and Redevelopment Ready Community certification. He indicated that reasonable and affordable housing options and child care continue to be problematic, and that the “Dog and Suds” development (the old Miss Molly’s) has fallen through and the building has been put up for sale again.
2. McBain Updates – The new gas station is open for business and the city’s new recreation plan is under development.

MISCELLANEOUS: An inquiry was recently made to the Planning Department regarding zoning in Reeder township related to a potential solar farm; a Land Bank/Brownfield Authority was approved by the Board of Commissioners, and Ardis and Zwolak have spoken with a Wolverine Power representative regarding the possibility of trail projects and connectors; Mimi provided a copy of the Lake Township Recreation Plan to the representative as a reference. Request by a commission member that the group consider changing meeting dates from the current schedule to alternating months opposite the current schedule.

Objectives to complete for October 23, 2019 meeting:

1. Put together an alternate Planning Commission schedule for 2020; decision can be made at October meeting as to whether meetings will remain as they are now or change to alternate schedule.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

P.A. 116:

1. Haskin (Robert and Sandra): Planning Commission declined to recommend this P.A. 116 application for approval by the board as presented, because the application didn’t meeting the eligibility guidelines/requirements (40 acres of land, but only 20 acres are reported to be in active agriculture (must be a minimum of 51%), and farm income wasn’t indicated on the application).
2. Haskin (Robert and Brent): Planning Commission voted to recommend this P.a. 116 application to the Board of Commissioners for approval – motion by Fisher with support from Ardis. All in favor - motion passed.

Public Comment** None

Adjourn: 6:35pm – motion by Shaarda with support from Zwolak to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2019 5:00 pm **Public Comment Rules authorized by the Missaukee County Planning Commission: Each person recognized by the Chair shall state his or her 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 Chair first or his or her designee in writing. The audience is asked not to interrupt at any time during public comment.