

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONROE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

- DATE and TIME:** September 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.
- PLACE:** Monroe County Courthouse Annex
Board of Commissioners' Committee Room
125 East Second Street
Monroe, MI 48161
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Webb (Chairman), Scott Assenmacher, Dan Brooks, Mark Brant, Rebecca Curley, Floreine Mentel, Patrick Miller, Herb Smith, Mike Sperling;
- MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Larry See Jr., Gary Wilmoth
- MCPC STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Peven, Planning Director; Lee Markham, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. A quorum being present, Chairman Webb called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Commission proceeded to transact business.
2. Chairman Webb led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Adopt/Revise Agenda
Motion by Mr. Sperling, supported by Mr. Brant, to adopt the agenda

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting minutes
Motion by Mr. Smith, supported by Dr. Miller, to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting as submitted and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Call to the Public – There were no members of the public present for the meeting.
6. Correspondence & Information
 - A. Correspondence
 1. Letter from Dennis Meyer, President, Monroe County Farm Bureau inviting Mr. Peven to the Annual Dinner/Meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 pm at the Old Mill in Dundee. Members discussed several aspects of the Monroe County Farm Bureau.
 - B. Information
 1. 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo
 2. River Raisin Watershed Council – News release regarding new director
 3. SEMCC newsletter – August 2015
 4. “Being Prepared When Opportunity Knocks” – TMACOG Tech Program

Motion by Mrs. Mentel, supported by Dr. Miller, to accept the Correspondence and Information and to place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Brant, supported by Mr. Sperling, to approve the Consent Agenda and to accept Staff's recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in Monroe County – Mr. Peven reported that there was a SEMCOG meeting regarding this topic. Priority areas include connecting the River Raisin Heritage Trail with Monroe County Community College, and Monroe with Dundee via bicycle trails. The I-275 bicycle trail was also discussed.

9. Budget & Finance

A. 2016 Annual Budget – Status update – Mr. Peven reported that the budget has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission, and he expects it to be approved by the Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee soon.

10. Committee Member's / Director's Report

A. Lake Erie Transit (LET) Commissioner Report – Dr. Miller updated the Planning Commission on LET. Business is good, five new hybrid busses have been acquired, and are more efficient and more rugged, and drivers are undergoing advanced training. An informational brochure is being designed for voters in anticipation of the upcoming Frenchtown bus millage.

B. Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission Report – Mrs. Mentel said that the September meeting of the Recreation has not taken place yet, due to the lateness of Labor Day this year.

C. Monroe County Road Commission Report – Mr. Assenmacher commented on several Road Commission issues, including that bids for road work are coming in at about 20% higher than expected, and there are fewer bidders on projects than usual. He said this may be a result of the rebounding economy.

11. Other Items from Members – Mr. Brooks complimented the staff on the Summer edition of the newly-revived Planning Commission Newsletter, *The County Planner*. Mr. Sperling asked whether the November meeting of the Planning Commission, which is scheduled for Veterans' Day, would need to be rescheduled. Mr. Peven stated that although the courthouse would be closed that day, it could be opened for the meeting in the evening if Commissioners wished to keep the date the same. A decision will be made at the October meeting.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Brant, supported by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 8:14 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

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