

SAGINAW COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

January 20, 2009

5:31 p.m.

Planning Department Conference Room

111 S. Michigan Avenue

Saginaw, MI 48602

Commissioner Hornak opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

I. **Members Present**

Timothy Courtney
Seymour Geiersbach
Delena Spates-Allen
Doug Bishop
Ken Hornak
Tom Koski
Calvin Williams
Peter Shaheen
John Leachman

Staff Present

Douglas Bell
Philip Grimaldi

Members Absent

G. Thomas Kerr*
Tom Houlihan*

*excused

Guests Present

Tina Sampson, Frankenmuth Resident
June Sampson, Frankenmuth Resident
Wayne Sampson, Frankenmuth Resident

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Sylvester Payne, STARS
Phil Karwat, City of Saginaw Engineering
Brian Wendling Saginaw County Road Commission
Brandon Wilcox MDOT-Lansing
Susan Richardson MDOT Lansing
Jay Reithel – MDOT Bay Region

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Amendments of SMATS 2008-2011 TIP

Motion made by Geiersbach, and seconded by Kerr to open public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hornak reported that the nominating committee recommended Commissioner Courtney, as Chair Commissioner Geiersbach, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Leachman, Secretary. The floor was open to nominations.

Motion made by Koski, seconded by Williams to approve the nominating committee's recommendations as presented. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Samson addressed Board and passed out materials regarding Frankenmuth Zoning Review.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and approve the Minutes of December 16, 2008

Motion made by Bishop, seconded by Geiersbach to approve the December 16, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

B. *Wind Energy Project*

Bell indicated nothing new to report at this time.

C. Other

Discussion held regarding the MDOT Bid-Process discussed at the December 08 Planning Commission meeting with Reithel of MDOT. **Motion by Geiersbach, seconded by Hornak to have Bell author letter from the Board to Elected Officials regarding MDOT Bid- Process that excludes local contractor's participation because project bid not split up.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence & Communication

A. Bell announced that Commissioners Williams, Houlihan, Kerr and Leachman were all appointed to new terms on Planning Commission.

B. Review of Local Zoning Amendments

SCMPC 2009-01

Saginaw Township: Text Amendment

Request: A-2 Agriculture to CB-1 Campus Business District to 16 Parcels along Tittabawassee Road Between Mackinaw and Lawndale Roads.

Township Action: Planning Commission recommended adoption following public hearing.

Staff Recommendation: The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Townships Comprehensive Development Plan and future land use map. No objections.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Bishop, seconded by Leachman to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

SCMPC 2009-02

Frankenmuth Township: Zoning Change

Request: A-1 Rural Agricultural to “Conditional Zoning District A-1”, at 7835 Eischer Road Parcel #14-11-6-34-4005-00

Township Action: Planning Commission recommended adoption after public hearing on January 6, 2009.

Staff Recommendations: The proposed projects is not consistent with the Joint growth management Plan for Frankenmuth Township and City. It is also not consistent with the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act. The proposed zoning amendments should be denied by the Township Board.

SCMPC Recommendation: After much discussion **Motion by Leachman, seconded Hornak to support staff recommendations with additional comments: The SCMPC also noted concerns with (1) traffic volumes and safety at the proposed site and (2) adequacy of other public infrastructure to serve the project. Motion Carried.**

SCMPC 2009-03

Taymouth Township: Text Amendment

Request: Section 10.08, add new Subjection (G), trailers and mobile homes prohibited.

Township Action: Recommended Adoption by Board after public hearing.

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Leachman, seconded by Bishop to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

C. Approval of Amendments 2009-01 of the 2008-2011 TIP

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Project 2009, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Auto Tour Route, total cost \$2,000,000. **Motion by Bishop, seconded by Williams to close the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. Motion Carried.**

D. *State Revenue Sharing*

Bell gave the Board a summary of Saginaw County's concerns and position regarding revenue sharing by the State of Michigan to counties. After much discussion, **Motion by Hornak, seconded by Williams to have Bell author a letter from the Planning Commission to express Saginaw County concerns to Elected Representatives.**

E. Other

Bishop distributed copies of Parks and Rec minutes for Committee members to review.

VII. Commissioners to be heard

Leachman spoke regarding the Wind Energy Topic, and Williams commented on the "Emergency Gate" MDOT installed between Bridgeport and Birch Run.

VIII. **Motion by Leachman, seconded by Hornak adjourn the January 20, 2009 meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.**