

PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: November 9, 2006

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Cornelius Vander Kam, Philip Kuyers, Dennis Swartout, Edward Berghorst, Donald Disselkoe

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Erika Rosebrook Dibble, Assistant Administrator; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Mark Scheerhorn, Administrator Services Director; John Scholtz, Parks & Recreation Director; Kaye Nedderman; Janet Joiner; Adam London, Environmental Health Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Deb VanWieren Axce, VanWieren Hardware; Jeff Rylaarsdam, Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.; John Lemke, Lebanon Seaboard Corp.; Dr. Jan Meeuwsen, DeBruyn Seed; Ken DeBruyn, DeBruyn Seed; Al Decker, Gemmens; Sherri Russell; Jeff VanderWerff, Farm Bureau;

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

Approve by consent the agenda of today as presented and amended to add Action Items #3 – Resolution to Designate the Riley Trails Property as an Ottawa County Park, #4 – Resolution to Declare Thursday, November 21, 2006, as Adoption Day in Ottawa County, and #5 – Resolution to Support Repeal of Section 511 of the “Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2205”.

Approve by consent the Minutes of the October 12, 2006, Planning and Policy Committee.

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE TO BAN LAWN FERTILIZER CONTAINING PHOSPHOROUS

PP 06-087 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the proposed Ordinance to ban lawn fertilizer containing phosphorous within Ottawa County.
Moved by: Swartout

Public Comments

1. Ken DeBruyn, DeBruyn Seed, Zeeland – Opposes ordinance. Presented proposed changes to the ordinance from the University of Wisconsin.
2. Jeff VanderWerff, representing Michigan Farm Bureau – Opposes ordinance. He presented soil test results and explained them to the Committee.
3. Jeff Rylaarsdam, Hudsonville – Opposes ordinance. He believes this is a statewide issue.
4. John Lemke, Lebanon Chemical – Opposes ordinance. Recommends a slow release fertilizer.
5. Kaye Nedderman, Grand Haven – In favor of the ordinance. There is a need to educate people not to buy phosphorus fertilizer.
6. Janet Joiner, Ferrysburg – In favor of the ordinance. She believes this is a public health issue.
7. Dr. Jan Meeuwsen – Opposes ordinance. She questioned who would be paying the \$60 test every three years. Beach closings are closed due to e-coli not phosphorus.
8. Adam London, Environmental Health – Supports the ordinance. He stated this is a very complicated issue and this ordinance would be part of the solution.

Greg Rappleye stated if the Resolution moved forward, he would recommend adding to Section 5C – “fertilizer should be removed” and to 3B – add “townships”.

PP 06-088 Motion: To amend Motion PP 06-087 adding the following to Section 5C – “fertilizer should be removed” and to 3B – add “townships”.
Moved by: Vander Kam UNANIMOUS

PP 06-089 Motion: To amend Motion PP-087 changing Section 5 from 0% to 2%.
Moved by: Berghorst Motion died due to lack of support.

A vote was than taken on the motion as amended and the amended motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Disselkoen, Vander Kam. (4)

Nays: Mr. Berghorst. (1)

SUBJECT: RILEY TRAILS FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

PP 06-090 Motion: To receive bids for the Riley Trails Footbridge Construction Project and forward them to the Board of Commissioners with the recommendation of awarding the bid to Vanguard Services at a cost of \$20,829.37, with funding to come from the Parks and Recreation budget.
Moved by: Disselkoen UNANIMOUS

Note: Will go to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE RILEY TRAILS PROPERTY AS AN OTTAWA COUNTY PARK

PP 06-091 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Resolution to designate the Riley Trails Property in Park Township as a County Park.
Moved by: Vander Kam UNANIMOUS

Note: Will go to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006, AS ADOPTION DAY IN OTTAWA COUNTY

PP 06-092 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Resolution to declare Thursday, November 21, 2006, as Adoption Day within Ottawa County.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REPEAL OF SECTION 511 OF THE "TAX INCREASE PREVENTION AND RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005"

PP 06-093 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Resolution to Support Repeal of Section 511 of the "Tax Increase and Reconciliation Act of 2005".
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Building Projects Update – The building projects update was presented by Mark Scheerhorn.
2. Closed Session to discuss Property Acquisition (2/3 roll call vote required).

PP 06-094 Motion: To go into a Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss property acquisition.
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

Results of roll call vote: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Disselkoen, Vander Kam, Swartout, Kuyers. (5)

PP 06-095 Motion: To rise from Closed Session at 10:29 a.m.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 06-096 Motion: To adjourn at 10:30 a.m.
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS