

## PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### Approved Minutes

DATE: January 11, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Edward Berghorst, Philip Kuyers, Roger Rycenga, Matthew Hehl, Dennis Swartout

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Mark Scheerhorn, Administrative Services Director; John Scholtz, Parks and Recreation Director; Chip Francke, Naturalist; Erika Rosebrook Dibble, Assistant Administrator; June Hagan, Fiscal Services Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

PP 07-001 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended adding Discussion Item #4 – Red Pine Disease.  
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

Approve by consent the Minutes of the December 14, 2006, Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE VICE- CHAIRMAN

PP 07-002 Motion: To appoint Edward Berghorst as Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Policy Committee.  
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Building Projects Update – The building projects update was presented by Mark Scheerhorn.
2. Review of “Per Diem Eligible” Meetings – June Hagan reviewed the list of approved committees who receive per diem and mileage. The last time the list was reviewed was in 2004. June reported the past practice on determining if per diem was paid or not was if other members on that committee are not paid per diem the County doesn’t pay. The approved list will stay as is and be brought back each year for review.

- 3. Red Pine Disease – John Scholtz and Chip Francke reported on the need to do management activity on the Red Pines. Parks has hired a team of foresters to go through and access which trees need to be thinned. A quick review was completed and recommendations were made to have 80 acres in Robinson Forest and 365 acres in Hiawatha Forest thinned. Bids will be returned later this month and John would like to have this approved by an Emergency Contract due to time frames. Consensus of the Committee was to go ahead. 50% of the revenue will go into the Environmental Fund and 50% into the Parks. Finance Committee will be taking action on this on January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition (2/3 roll call vote required).

PP 07-003 Motion: To go into a Closed Session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss Property Acquisition.  
Moved by: Mr. Swartout UNANIMOUS

Results of the roll call vote: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Hehl, Berghorst, Rycenga. (5)

PP 07-004 Motion: To rise from Closed Session at 10:27 a.m.  
Moved by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

PP 07-005 Motion: To adjourn at 10:27 a.m.  
Moved by: Swartout UNANIMOUS