

**APPROVED  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2005 7:00 PM  
Fillmore Administration Building - Board Room  
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

**DATE:** October 11, 2005

**PLACE:** Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Conference Room B

**PRESENT:** Bill Miller, John DeGrazia, Betty Gajewski, Jim Miedema, Robert Rinck, Cornelius Vander Kam, Gary Scholten

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Mark Knudsen, Soonja Hixon

**GUESTS:** Dale Vredeveld, Blendon Township

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chair Gajewski. A quorum was present to do business. Invocation was given by Bill Miller.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**05-22 Motion:** To approve the October 11, 2005 Agenda

Moved by: Rinck

Supported by: Vander Kam

**UNANIMOUS**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**05-23 Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 22, 2005 meeting.

Moved by: DeGrazia

Supported by: Rinck

**UNANIMOUS**

**Announcements:**

**A. Introductions**

Chair Gajewski introduced members of the audience.

**B. Reports of Meetings Attended**

Betty Gajewski attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. She reported that the "Friends of the Parks" brochure is completed (copies of the brochure were distributed to the members). The Parks Department will be conducting a more in-depth study on E. coli to identify the source. The Parks Department received an "Image Award" from Zeeland Chamber of Commerce for the Upper Macatawa Project. Betty also attended the Michigan Association of Planning Conference at Mackinac Island.

Jim Miedema reported he will be attending the "Boomtown USA" lecture.

Cornelius Vander Kam reported that he attended the Road Salt Commission meeting. Some members commented on the

environmentally sensitive area signs and the inability to read them.

Mark Knudsen reported that he has attended several meetings in Lansing regarding "Telecommunications Legislation". Mark also attended a meeting with Henry Green, Executive Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes for the State of Michigan, regarding an issue that was brought before the Planning Commission last year dealing with a "Child Safety Zoning Ordinance". The individuals who brought this issue to the Planning Commission's attention were Gary and Sharon Smeyers. Both are endorsing an amendment that would require all nurseries and playroom areas, not regulated or licensed by the State, to require viewing windows. Because these amendments can not be included in the local zoning ordinances, Mark is working with the State in an attempt to change the construction codes. Mark also reported that he and Paul Sachs will be attending meetings with the local units of government on the Memorandum of Understanding for countywide wireless broadband.

Gary Scholten attended a surveying field demonstration that was put on by Nederveld and Associates for the Remonumentation Committee.

Bill Miller attended several township board meetings. He reported that Emerald Ash Borers have been found in the Upper Peninsula. Four "trap catches" have been set in Ottawa County to determine if Ash Borers have spread to this area. None have been detected so far. Bill said Ash tree seeds will be gathered from Rose Lake Park and sent to Colorado to start a seed bank that will help replenish/restock Ash trees in case they are destroyed by the Ash Borer. He also recently traveled to Edgerton, Minnesota and reported that a lot of windmills have been built to provide a cheaper power resource by using wind.

**Presentations:**

None

**Petitions & Communications**

- A. FYI Folder
- B. Letter of correspondence dated August 18, 2005, to Crockery Township regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel No. 70-04-19-200-074 and Parcel No. 70-04-19-200-75
- C. Letter of correspondence dated August 24, 2005, to the City of Coopersville regarding the Ottawa County Planning Commission's support of the Vacant Lands Study
- D. Letter of correspondence dated August 29, 2005, to Crockery Township regarding rezoning of Parcel No. 70-04-30-300-013 from Agricultural 2 to Residential 1
- E. Letter of correspondence dated September 20, 2005, to Georgetown Township regarding rezoning of Parcel No. 70-14-24-100-015 and Parcel No. 70-14-24-100-013
- F. Letter of correspondence dated September 22, 2005, to Wright Township regarding the Application for Farmland Agreement (PA 116) for Parcel No. 70-06-07-300-006 and Parcel No. 70-06-07-300-002
- G. Memorandum to Mark Knudsen from Aaron Bodbyl-Mast dated August 31, 2005 regarding the M-104 Corridor Study Recommendations

**5-24 Motion:** To receive for information Items A – G

Moved by: Vander Kam

Supported by: Scholten

**UNANIMOUS**

**Public Comments**

None

**Action Items**

- A. Removal of One Member from the Road Salt Commission and to Appointment a New Member as a Replacement

**5-25 Motion:** To remove State Police Lieutenant Gary Gorskie from the Road Salt Commission and approve the appointment of State Police Lieutenant David Roesler as a member of the Road Salt Commission

Moved by: Scholten

Supported by: DeGrazia

**UNANIMOUS**

B. Proposed Revisions to Spring Lake Township's Master Plan "Future Land Use Map"

**5-26 Motion:** To support/not support the proposed revisions to Spring Lake Township's "Future Land Use Map"

Moved by: Rinck

Supported by: DeGrazia

**UNANIMOUS**

**Discussion Items**

A. FYI Articles

At the last Planning Commission meeting, Gary Scholten had asked if there was a possibility of receiving the FYI articles on a weekly basis. Mark Knudsen reported that it would be too costly to mail out the FYI articles on a weekly basis (approximately \$500-\$700 yearly). In addition, it would take too much time and "memory capacity" to scan all the documents and e-mail them. But, Mark said he would provide FYI articles on a weekly basis to Gary Scholten, Robert Rinck, and Cornelius VanderKam by placing them in their county mailbox.

B. Bull's Eye Planning Award

The Planning Commission members discussed awarding the Bull's Eye Planning Award to the City of Coopersville for their Roundabout Project and the Spring Lake Township for their Wetland Ordinance. Betty Gajewski recommended that a plaque be presented to the City Manager, Council Members, and the Ottawa County Road Commission for their work involving the roundabout in Coopersville. She also recommended a plaque be presented to Spring Lake Township officials. In addition, t-shirts would be provided to the Planning Commission members from Spring Lake for their work on this project. Mark Knudsen said he would check the cost of purchasing the plaques.

C. Environmental Data Book

Mark Knudsen distributed the Environmental Data Book's Table of Contents to the Planning Commission members and asked for their input on the different categories that will be addressed in the report. Betty Gajewski asked if the members could have time to review the Table of Contents and discuss this at the next Planning Commission meeting.

D. Countywide Corridor Plan

Mark Knudsen said he met with the Ottawa County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation, and the three MPO's to review and provide comments on the Countywide Corridor Plan. The purpose of this plan is to identify corridors, which should serve as primary east-west or north-south travel routes within the County. The study will identify corridors where aesthetic and natural preservation measures should be considered, and to review the need for right-of-way preservation, access management, aesthetic preservation, and other traffic management or land use measures. Mark asked the Planning Commission members for their recommendation on what corridors should be given priority for this study. Betty Gajewski recommended the Lakeshore Drive area. This item will be discussed in further details at the next Planning Commission meeting.

E. Excellence Through Training

Mark reported the first session of the Excellence Through Training was held last month covering the topic of Contract Zoning. Dale Vredeveld said he did not receive a training pamphlet. Mark Knudsen asked Soonja to check the database to determine which members received the pamphlet from Blenden Township. Mark said he would provide the Planning Commission members a copy of the handout distributed by Scholten and Fant on Contract Zoning at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## Agenda

1. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
2. Invocation
3. Approval of the Agenda for the October 11, 2005 Meeting
4. Approval of the Minutes from the August 22, 2005 Meeting
5. Announcements (7:10 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.)
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Reports of Meetings Attended
6. Presentations (7:20 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.)
  - A. None
7. Petitions & Communications (7:20 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
  - A. FYI Folder
  - B. Letter of correspondence dated August 18, 2005, to Crockery Township regarding the proposed rezoning of Parcel No. 70-04-19-200-074 and Parcel No. 70-04-19-200-75
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**Motion:** To receive for information Items A – G

8. Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person) (7:30 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.)
9. Action Items (7:40 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.)
  - A. Removal of One Member from the Road Salt Commission and to Appointment a New Member as a Replacement  
**Motion:** To remove State Police Lieutenant Gary Gorskie from the Road Salt Commission and approve the appointment of State Police Lieutenant David Roesler as a member of the Road Salt Commission
  - B. Proposed Revisions to Spring Lake Township's Master Plan "Future Land Use Map"  
**Motion:** To support/not support the proposed revisions to Spring Lake Township's "Future Land Use Map"

10. Discussion Items (7:55 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.)

A. FYI Articles

B. Bull's Eye Planning Award

C. Environmental Data Book

D. Countywide Corridor Plan

E. Excellence Through Training

11. Other Items (8:20 - 8:20)

None

12. Adjournment (8:20 p.m.)