

OTTAWA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Approved Minutes

DATE: April 24, 2006

PLACE: Ottawa County Fillmore Complex, Conference Room B

PRESENT: Bill Miller, Betty Gajewski, Robert Rinck, Gary Scholten, Cornelius Vander Kam, Jim Miedema, Jeffrey Wincel

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mark Knudsen, Soonja Hixon

GUESTS: Kurt Koella, Lakeshore Environmental, Inc.; Jon Mersman, Holland Charter Township

Call to Order:

Chair Gajewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present to do business. Invocation was given by Jim Miedema.

Approval of the Agenda:

06-15 Motion: To approve the April 24, 2006 Agenda with the following amendments:

- Under Action Item add "Item C – Relocation of Family Fare Supermarket in Allendale Township"

Moved by: Rinck Supported by: Vander Kam

UNANIMOUS

Approval of the Minutes:

06-16 Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting.

Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Miller

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Announcements:

A. Introductions

Betty Gajewski introduced Kurt Koella and Jon Mersman.

B. Reports of Meetings Attended

Betty Gajewski attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. She reported a millage vote will be held on August 8, 2006 to renew the Parks mileage. She also said a prescribed burning will be held at Grand River Park to encourage the growth of native plants. All the neighbors in the vicinity have been notified. Betty also reported the Parks and Recreation Department will be providing a tour of the parks on May 23, 2006, if Planning Commission members are interested in attending.

Bill Miller had nothing to report

Jim Miedema attended a meeting in Allendale Township with Senator Wayne Kuipers. The topic discussed at the meeting was franchise fees.

Gary Scholten had nothing to report.

Cornelius Vander Kam had nothing to report.

Robert Rinck attended the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He participated in seminars on transportation, agriculture, rural affairs, and terrorism. He also attended the Ottawa County Wireless Broadband launch event in Jamestown Township.

Jeffrey Wincel attended the Consumer's Energy tree trimming meeting in Park Township.

Presentations:

A. Kurt Koella, Lakeshore Environmental, Incorporated

Kurt Koella provided a presentation regarding a tree planting program. Standard Sand Corporation in Grand Haven will be growing trees for site reclamation and general use by the community. They are offering to purchase and propagate the trees until they reach 2' in height and supply some to the County. Kurt said he would also be willing to schedule a tour of the facility in June for the Planning Commission members to observe the nursery operations. Mark indicated a Tree Legacy Committee will be appointed and indicated a tree transplant plan would be developed. Mark requested a few months to get that plan in place before determining the number and species of trees that would be requested. Kurt indicated that would work fine with them. Kurt said he will contact the Planning Commission members to set a date to tour the nursery.

- B. Jon Mersman, Holland Charter Township Planning and Zoning Administrator
Holland Township's Comprehensive Plan

Jon Mersman provided a presentation on the major objectives contained in Holland Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Petitions & Communications:

- A. FYI Folder
- B. Letter of correspondence dated March 2, 2006 to Georgetown Township regarding rezoning of Parcel No. 70-14-09-200-005 and Parcel No. 70-14-09-300-018
- C. Letter of correspondence dated March 2, 2006 to Georgetown Township regarding rezoning of Parcel No. 70-14-26-200-070
- D. Letter of correspondence dated March 2, 2006 to Georgetown Township regarding amendments to Georgetown Township's Zoning Ordinance Chapters 20, 24, and 25
- E. Letter of correspondence dated March 3, 2006 to Georgetown Township regarding their proposed amendment to change the zoning district of Parcels No. 70-14-07-100-016 and 70-14-07-100-017 from Agricultural and Neighborhood Services to Community Service Commercial
- F. Letter of correspondence dated February 8, 2006 from Dirk Bloemendaal regarding the planting of trees on Lakeshore Drive
- G. Letter of correspondence dated April 4, 2006 from Wright Township regarding PA 116 Farmland Agreement application submitted by Laketop Orchards, LLC
- H. Letter of correspondence dated April 4, 2006 from Judy Bell regarding tree trimming by Consumers Energy
- I. Livingston County Department of Planning 2005 County Planning Survey

06-17 Motion: To receive for information Item A - I

Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Scholten
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Public Comments:

None

Action Items:

- A. Holland Charter Township’s Comprehensive Plan

06-18 Motion: To support/not support Holland Charter Township’s Comprehensive Plan

Moved by: Scholten

Yeas: Vander Kam, Rinck, Gajewski, Miedema, Miller, Scholten (6)

Nays: Wincel (1)

MOTION PASSED

- B. Tree Legacy Committee

The Planning Commission members decided to postpone appointing members to a Tree Legacy Committee. Originally, the Planning Commission was going to appoint members from the Planning Commission and Parks Department. After some discussion, the Planning Commission decided to expand the membership with a variety of stakeholder interests that included members from the local unit of government, local citizens, and individuals who have expertise in the field.

- C. Relocation of Family Fare Supermarket in Allendale Township

06-19 Motion: To support Family Fare Supermarket’s present location or a location within the vicinity of Allendale’s new Town Center and provide a letter of support to Spartan Store, Inc., asking for their consideration to remain in the vicinity.

Moved by: Scholten

Supported by: Wincel

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Discussion Items

Due to a lack of time, Mark Knudsen recommended that “Discussion Items A – D” be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting on May 22, 2006.

- E. Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project Presentation of Architectural Design Elements Portfolio – Joint Hudsonville City Council Planning Commission meeting May 9, 2006 @ 7:45 p.m., Hudsonville City Hall (RSVP to Soonja by April 28, 2006)

Mark Knudsen asked the Planning Commission members to let Soonja know if they plan on attending the Joint Hudsonville City Council Planning Commission meeting by April 28, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.