

ISABELLA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

January 10, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on January 10, 2019 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Timothy A. Nieporte, Community Development Director  
Ray Johnson, Zoning Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murphy at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the commission.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Murphy requested that the agenda be approved as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Bean supported by Mr. Horton to approve the agenda.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

No: None

Motion carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Murphy called for any nominations of officers.

A nomination was made by Mr. Vogel for the following slate of officers; Jeremy Murphy for Chair, Kelly Bean for Vice Chair, Tim O'Neil for Secretary.

Mr. Murphy called for other nominations, hearing none, Mr. Murphy called for other nominations. With no other nominations heard, Mr. Murphy called for a motion to accept the slate of officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Horton to accept the slate of officers and a unanimous ballot be cast, seconded by Mr. Neyer

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

No: None

Motion carried

### **Establish Meeting Day, Time, Place**

Chairman Murphy presented the proposed meeting day, time and place for 2019 Planning Commission meetings and the proposed calendar for the 2019 meetings. These dates being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in room 225 of the Isabella County Building.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neil to set the meeting day, time and place as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in room 225 of the Isabella County Building and accept the proposed calendar, seconded by Mr. Neyer.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

No: None

Motion carried

### **Appoint Committee Members**

Chairman Murphy appointed Phil Vogel as representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Jeremy Murphy as the representative to the Parks and Recreation Board.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the December 13, 2018 regular meeting were circulated to the commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Neyer supported by Mrs. Silker to approve the minutes.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

No: None

Motion carried

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Vogel reported there one variance heard last month in Lincoln Township and it was approved.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Murphy reported there was is meeting for January.

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Horton reported the board has been discussing larger projects coming in the near future.

## **TOWNSHIP CONCERNS**

Denver – None  
Gilmore – None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opened at 7:05 p.m.  
Closed at 7:05 p.m.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **Other Business (Non-Public Hearings)**

### **Lake Isabella Draft Master Plan**

Mr. Nieporte informed the commission that a copy of the draft master plan from the Village of Lake Isabella had been received. He stated staff has reviewed the document and didn't find any concerns or incompatibilities. He stated that if the commission has no comments staff would forward a letter back to the Village indicating the commission had no comments on the review.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Terry Meier asked for a copy of the Draft Master Plan from the Village of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Nieporte stated staff would forward him an electronic copy of the draft plan.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Nieporte informed the commission that a special meeting of the Planning Commission has been scheduled for January 31, 2019 at the Mt. Pleasant City Hall for a public hearing and that notices required by law for this public hearing have been sent out today. Mr. Nieporte stated staff has the list of all property owners who will be receiving notices. Mr. Nieporte reviewed a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire prepared by the Attorney to assist members in declaring any conflicts they may have. Mr. Nieporte asked the members to review and fill out the questionnaire returning it to staff no later than noon on Monday.

Mr. Nieporte indicated to Mr. Vogel that he should pay special attention to question 1 as Mr. Vogel had previously indicated to staff that he has signed a lease with Apex.

Mr. Nieporte indicate to Mr. Neyer that he should pay special attention to question 5 as Mr. Neyer had previously indicated to staff that his brother owns property within the project area.

Mr. Nieporte indicated to Mr. Rogers that he should pay special attention to question 7 as Mr. Rogers owns property within 600 feet of the project area and he will be receiving a notice of the public hearing.

Mr. Horton asked if it was common to fill out this type of questionnaire.

Mr. Nieporte stated that because of the size of the project area, the attorney prepared the questionnaire to assist with conflict of interest and declarations by the members.

### **PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Rogers reminded the commission the ADLS lighting was not approved by the Board of Commissioners as a requirement to a special use permit and expressed his concerns about lights on wind turbines. He expressed desire to have a height limitation, his frustration with trespass zoning on his property and his concern about noise from a wind turbine inside a home.

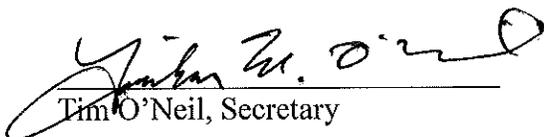
### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Neyer to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Horton at 7:19 p.m.

Yes: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Jim Horton, Nathan Rogers, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Kelly Bean, Bob Campbell, Jerry Neyer

No: None

Motion carried

  
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Tim O'Neil, Secretary