

ISABELLA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

February 11, 2021

An Electronic Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on February 11, 2021 via Zoom on the above date.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Steve Swaney, Bob Campbell, Ann Silker, Kyle Camp, Phillip Vogel, Jerry Neyer, Adam Brookens

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the commission.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Bean requested the roll call.

Commissioner O'Neil – Present - Mt Pleasant, MI  
Commissioner Bean – Present – Vernon Township, MI  
Commissioner Swaney – Present – Mt Pleasant, MI  
Commissioner Campbell– Present – Broomfield Township, MI  
Commissioner Silker – Present – Gilmore Township, MI  
Commissioner Camp – Present – Vernon Township, MI  
Commissioner Vogel – Present – Denver Township, MI  
Commissioner Neyer – Present – Lincoln Township, MI  
Commissioner Brookens – Present – Rolland Township, MI

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Bean requested that the agenda be approved with no amendments.

A motion was made by Mr. Neyer supported by Mr. O'Neil to approve the agenda.

Commission Brookens – Yes  
Commissioner Neyer – Yes  
Commissioner Vogel – Yes  
Commissioner Camp – Yes  
Commissioner Silker – Yes  
Commissioner Campbell – Yes  
Commissioner Swaney – Yes

Commissioner Bean – Yes  
Commissioner O’Neil – Yes

No: None

Motion carried

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 14, 2021 organizational meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

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

Commission Brookens – Yes  
Commissioner Neyer – Yes  
Commissioner Vogel – Yes  
Commissioner Camp – Yes  
Commissioner Silker – Yes  
Commissioner Campbell – Yes  
Commissioner Swaney – Yes  
Commissioner Bean – Yes  
Commissioner O’Neil – Yes

No: None

Motion carried

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Vogel reported that the Board held their organizational meeting in January, elected Mr. Jim Wynes as Chair, Mr. Phil Vogel as Vice Chair and Mr. Tom Riley as Secretary.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. O’Neil reported that the Parks Board held their organizational meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> set their meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Swaney reported that the Board of Commissioners held their meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and passed a resolution for a notice of intent for a bond of not more than 41.5 million for the County Jail. He also stated that the Board approved the Fodor Farms Farmland Agreement.

### **TOWNSHIP CONCERNS**

Mr. Bean announced that Township Concerns would be moved to the Public Hearing section of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – The Host reported that there are no public in the meeting.

Mr. Nieporte reported that Jackie Curtis from Denver Township contacted staff and stated that all was good in Denver Township

**PA116 – Farmland Agreement – Fodor Farms LLC**

Mr. Johnson reported that a farmland agreement application was received from Fodor Farms LLC. He stated the application is for 10 acres in Section 29 of Coldwater Township and the property is currently being used for Agricultural purposes. Mr. Johnson indicated the number of years the application is for was omitted and the land is zoned General Agricultural and planned for Rural Agricultural Residential.

Mr. Johnson indicated it appeared there were two farmland agreement applications, however after speaking to the Clerk's Office, he was informed the second application received is a duplicate and the Planning Commission should disregard it.

Commissioner Swaney indicated that the Board has approved this application for 56 years even though the duplicate application indicates it is for 10 years.

Mr. Nieporte stated that staff would include in their letter to the Clerk a note ensuring the Clerk has the correct number of years.

Mr. Johnson stated that staff would forward a letter to the Clerk's Office informing them of the Planning Commission review.

**2020 Planning Commission Annual Report**

Mr. Nieporte reviewed the Planning Commission's Annual Report and with consensus will forward the report to the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bean asked the following members to serve on the Planning Commission Master Plan and Planning Commission By-Laws subcommittees in order to review each document and recommend amendments at a future meeting.

Master Plan:

Mr. Vogel, Mr. Camp, and Mr. O'Neil

By-Laws:

Mrs. Silker, Mr. Neyer, and Mr. Brookens

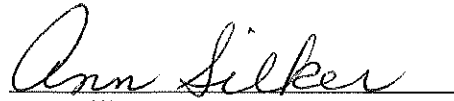
**PUBLIC COMMENT** – The Host indicated that there are no public in the meeting.

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Mr. Nieporte asked that the March meeting be cancelled unless something urgent was received in the next few days.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS** – Mr. O'Neil thanked Mr. Bean for his confidence in placing him on the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Silker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ann Silker, Secretary