

County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Bill Bailey

Jim Gurr, President

Barbara Bradford

Jason Helwig

Dawn LaVanway

Gary Lockwood

Bruce Priemer

Rick Teague

Ron Tschudy

Minutes – February 4, 2020
Board of Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor
Antrim County Building, Bellaire, Michigan

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Bill Bailey, Barb Bradford, Dawn LaVanway, Rick Teague, Jason Helwig, Gary Lockwood, Ron Tschudy, Bruce Priemer

Members Absent:

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Jeremy Scott

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mr. Gurr

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None

4. Public Comment

None

5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Rick Teague, seconded by Jason Helwig to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carries Unanimously**

6. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Barb Bradford, seconded by Bill Bailey to approve the minutes from January 7, 2020 as presented.
Motion Carries – Unanimous**

7. Banks Township: Short-Term Rental Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Lockwood was concerned that the proposed ordinance did not include any accounting of square footage. Mr. Gurr said this would be a wide-open ordinance that establishes the township's approval of short-term rentals.

Ms. Bradford also recommended that square footage be included in the ordinance and that the (missing) word "**effective**" be included in the ordinance.

Motion by Ms. Bradford Seconded by Mr. Priemer to include a comment to Banks township include square footage limitations in the ordinance.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Gurr clarifies that the 4-person limit only served to define “short-term rental,” not prohibit the rental of properties to more than four persons not related by blood.

Ms. Bradford expressed concern that the Commission was limiting its voice by not commenting.

Yes –

No – Bradford, Gurr, Bailey, Helwig, Teague, Lockwood, Priemer, LaVanway, Tschudy

Motion Fails

Motion by Bill Bailey, seconded by Bruce Primer to include a comment recommending the ordinance include a limitation of 2 people per bedroom.

Yes –

No - Bradford, Gurr, Bailey, Helwig, Teague, Lockwood, Priemer, LaVanway, Tschudy

Motion Fails

Motion by Lockwood to include a comment suggesting the removal of limitations.

Motion withdrawn by Mr. Lockwood.

Motion by Bruce Priemer, seconded by Jason Helwig, that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no inconsistency between the proposed language changes to the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance amendment and the Antrim County Master Plan and recommends Banks Township approve proposed Amendment.

Motion Carries Unanimous

9. Various Matters/Public Comment

Ms. Bradford asked about plans for the money from the sale of the Business Park and its re-investment into another Business Park. Pete Garwood, County Administrator, encouraged Ms. Bradford to write a letter to the Board with her ideas for how the proceeds should be used.

Mr. Lockwood informed the commission that the ice rink in Bellaire will be open this weekend.

Mr. Gurr made comments on Short-Term rentals and their great benefits.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40