

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 – March 9, 2019
Board of Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor
Antrim County Building, Bellaire, Michigan

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

Members Absent: Jason Helwig

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Mathew Cooke

1. Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Jim Gurr, Chair

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bruce Priemer, seconded by Barb Bradford, to approve the March 5, 2019 agenda as amended to include discussion on Village of Central Lake Zoning Ordinance Amendment Review.

Motion Carries – Unanimous

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ron Tschudy, seconded by Rick Teague, to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes as presented.

Motion Carries – Unanimous

7. 2019-2024 Parks and Recreation Plan

The Planning Commission reviewed the drafted three of the Parks and Recreation Plan, and offered the following comments:

- Remove “Visitors are attracted year round...” and rephrase sentence
- Remove “Valley” from Jordan River
- Use other words besides “like” in Regional Recreational Opportunities
- Remove “In addition...”
- Make maps bigger to read and try to make the same size

- Remove “of each park” in inventory
- Correct ACNA acreage in inventory
- Note if restrooms are seasonal
- Add that Barnes Park has electric camp sites
- Check controlling authority of Jordan River Access Site
- Echo Township – include Bower Preserve and Polazech (spelling?) Preserve in inventory
- Milton Township – May have additional property for inventory

8. Village of Central Lake Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Bill Bailey noted that the Village of Central Lake had been approving zoning ordinance amendments without County recommendation. Mathew Cooke, Deputy Administrator, said villages are not be required to submit amendments like townships are, according to the Zoning Enabling Act. Pete Garwood, County Administrator, said that villages did not have to submit prior to 2006, but was unsure if this had changed. The Administration Office will check with some resources for a definitive answer.

8. Communications/Various Matters

Mr. Cooke said the Village of Mancelona – Mancelona Township Joint Master Plan has been approved by the respective boards. He also mentioned that the City of East Jordan sent notice of intent to plan regarding their master plan.

9. Public/Member Comment

Barb Bradford mentioned that if we are more descriptive in the Parks and Recreation Plan, the better opportunity for grants. It was noted that the plan could be amended if there were specific projects or grants being pursued. Ms. Bradford also thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in her as secretary.

Dawn LaVanway mentioned that East Jordan has been working on planning and growth for a while now. She said that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has been helpful with finding money to do the projects, like the bridge project that connected the city.

Mr. Cooke announced that he is leaving Antrim County on March 15. He will be taking a position at Networks Northwest as a Community Planner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Barb Bradford, Secretary
Antrim County Planning Commission
Date: