

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

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

Members Absent: Bill Bailey

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood

1. Meeting called to order at 5:34 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 April 2, 2019 agenda as presented.

Motion Carries – Unanimous

6. Approval of Minutes

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Planning Commission member participating by telephone. Pete Garwood, County Administrator read a portion of the EDC by-laws that addressed the ability of their directors to participate by telephone.

Motion by Lockwood, second by _____ to put on the next agenda an item to amend the by-laws to allow PC members to participate by telephone.

Died for lack of a second.

Ron Tschudy informed the group that the reference to the Bower Preserve in the March 5, 2019 minutes should be changed to Bauer Preserve and as that entire parcel is commonly referred to as the Bauer Preserve. Mention of Pelacheck should be removed from the minutes.

Motion by Bruce Priemer, seconded by Rick Teague, to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes as amended.

Motion Carries – Unanimous

7. 2019-2024 Parks and Recreation Plan

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft of Chapter 6 and 7 of the Parks and Recreation Plan. The Commission offered the following comments on Chapter 6:

- ADA accessibility should be a goal.
- Questioned whether there should be a goal of hiring a parks director.

- Maybe add on-line scheduling for the campground as a goal.
- Collaborate with the townships a goal.
- Make the parks more senior friendly.
- Review the County-owned properties to determine if they are being used, and if not consider putting them on the market.

The Commission was okay with Chapter 7 as long as the reference to no parks near Alden is removed.

Motion by Bruce Priemer, seconded by Jason Helwig to put the Parks and Recreation Plan on hold until a new Deputy Administrator is on board. Motion Carries - Unanimous

8. Torch Lake Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Commission reviewed the three proposed amendments and a proposal to add a definition.

Motion by Rick Teague, second by Gary Lockwood, that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no inconsistency with the Antrim County Master Plan and the following proposed amendments to the Torch Lake Township Zoning Ordinance;

- Chapter VI – Agriculture Section 6.03 – adding “Private Events” to Special Uses
- Chapter X – “VB” - Village Business & “VR” – Village Residential Zones Section 10.03 Special Uses – adding “P. Outdoor Events”
- Chapter XXIII – Definitions – add “Outdoor Events”., with the Antrim County Master Plan
- CHAPTER XX - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

and the Planning Commission recommends the Torch Lake Township approves the change. Motion Carries - Unanimous

Motion Rick Teague, and seconded by Bruce Priemer to recommend the Township Board approve the proposed amendment to the Torch Lake Township Ordinance which would add a definition of an outdoor event. Motion Carries - Unanimous

8. Communications/Various Matters

None.

9. Public/Member Comment

Gary Lockwood indicated he is soaking in the way things are done by the Planning Commission.

Bruce Priemer indicated he is considering selling some of the maple syrup that he has made and sought guidance as to whether or not he needs any permits or permissions.

Every member would like a paper copy of the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Barb Bradford, Secretary
Antrim County Planning Commission
Date: