

## 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 – June 4, 2019  
Board of Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor  
Antrim County Building, Bellaire, Michigan

Members Present: Barbara Bradford, James Gurr, Ron Tschudy, Bruce Priemer, Stan Moore,  
Jason Hewing , Rick Teague, Gary Lockwood, Bill Bailey, Dawn LaVanway

Members Absent: None

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Travis Youatt, Ed Boettcher

**1. Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m. by James 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 Barbara Bradford, to approve the June 4, 2019 agenda as presented.**

**Motion Carries, Unanimous**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Gary Lockwood asked that the his wording in Public Comment be changed to “soaking in the information and how things are done by the planning commission.”

**Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Barbara Bradford, to approve the April 2, 2019 minutes as corrected.**

**Motion Carries unanimous vote.**

**7. Banks Township Zoning Amendment – Accessory Buildings**

Ron Tschudy spoke on grammar/wording issue with Section 4.04, point 5. Take out “a contiguous parcel” and add “it is on a contiguous parcel on the same ownership.”

Pete Garwood, County Administrator, explained in detail the definition of Accessory Building.

**Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Bruce Priemer that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no incompatibilities with the Antrim County Master Plan and recommends the Banks Township Board approve the proposed amendments to the Banks Township Ordinance, Articles III and IV pertaining to accessory buildings.**

**Motion Carries Unanimous**

## **8. Banks Township Master Plan - Draft**

The commission discussed the proposed Banks Township Master Plan. It was noted that the Banks Township bar graph seemed inconsistent to their demographics for high school students. The graphs were hard to understand.

Discussions took place with issues on surveys and the validity of them due to the low participant numbers as well as potential ways to increase public input.

**Motion by Ron Tschudy, seconded by Rick Teague that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no incompatibilities with the Banks Township Master Plan and recommends the Banks Township Board approve the proposed Banks Township Masterplan**  
**Motion- Carries Unanimous.**

## **9. Acme Township Master Plan - Draft**

Ron Tschudy made a point that the Acme Township Master Plan had a small mathematical issue on page 14, under "income." The last sentence is not mathematically correct in that 2/3rds should be 3/2nds.

**Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Rick Teague that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no incompatibilities with the Acme Township Master Plan and recommends the Acme Township Board approve the Acme Township Masterplan.**  
**Motion- Carries Unanimous.**

## **10. Various Matters**

None.

## **11. Public/Member Comment**

Ed Boettcher spoke on surveys and stated that it is just a way of gathering people's input. Mr. Boettcher said a survey should not be treated like election results or a poll, but rather just informative material.

Gary Lockwood noted the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Rotary golf outing is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Teague mentioned that he went to a clean energy conference in Traverse City.

Bruce Priemer mentioned that he would like a paper copy of the packet.

Jason Helwig mentioned that Mancelona might have interest in a clean energy.

Dawn LaVanway mentioned that in Charlevoix County on six-mile Lake a new 108 acre nature preserve was founded and underway.

Pete Garwood mentioned scientific surveys are very expensive. Many municipalities cannot afford to conduct scientific surveys and they make do with what they can.

Planning Commissioners Barbara Bradford, Bill Bailey, Ron Tschudy, and Gary Lockwood would like to pick their packets up at the Administration Office.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:17.*

Submitted and Approved.

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Barb Bradford, Secretary  
Antrim County Planning Commission  
Date: