

County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Jill Barnard

Jim Gurr, Chairman

Board of Commissioner member

Mike Hayes

Rick Teague, Vice-Chair

Board of Commissioner member

Bill Bailey

Barbara Bradford, Secretary

Ron Tschudy

Minutes - January 5, 2016 Board of Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor Antrim County Building, Bellaire, Michigan

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Bill Bailey, Jill Barnard, Barb Bradford, Mike Hayes, Chuck Johnson, Laura Stanek, Rick Teague, Ron Tschudy

Members Absent: None

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Janet Koch, Stan Moore

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Peter Garwood, County Administrator.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Referring to the agenda item regarding the Helena Township Master Plan, Rick Teague said he's a member of the Helena Township Board and Jim Gurr said he's a member of the Helena Township Planning Commission. Mr. Garwood said it was his recollection that Michigan's Attorney General had determined that neither one of those would be a conflict of interest.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Organizational Meeting

Mr. Garwood chaired the organizational meeting.

Nominations:

Jim Gurr was nominated for Chairman by Mike Hayes.

Motion by Rick Teague, seconded by Mike Hayes, to close nominations for Chairman and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Gurr. Motion carried – unanimous.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Jim Gurr.

Rick Teague was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Bill Bailey.

Motion by Mike Hayes, seconded by Barb Bradford, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman and cast a unanimous ballot for Rick Teague. Motion carried – unanimous.

Barb Bradford was nominated for Secretary by Jim Gurr.

Motion by Jim Gurr, seconded by Jill Barnard, to close nominations for Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for Barb Bradford. Motion carried – unanimous.

Motion by Mike Hayes, seconded by Bill Bailey, to set the regular meetings for the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Approval of minutes

Motion by Barb Bradford, seconded by Rick Teague, to approve the December 1, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

7. Helena Township Master Plan

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed Helena Township Master Plan. The last sentence of the Background section was noted as awkward. Mr. Gurr made note of Jill Barnard's identification of typographical errors. Mr. Bailey commended the statement in the Visions Statement's introduction regarding individual property rights.

Motion by Jill Barnard, seconded by Mike Hayes, that the Planning Commission found no inconsistencies between the Antrim County Master Plan and the proposed Helena Township Master plan. Motion carried – unanimous.

8. Antrim County Master Plan Chapter 2: Land Use Change From 1978 to 1998

Mr. Garwood said a new land use study would require both aerial photography of Antrim County and a land use study. Ms. Bradford noted the aerial photography services of Greg MacMaster and his company Eagle-Eye Drone Service. The Planning Commission agreed it would be nice to have a new analysis of data for the next master plan.

The Planning Commission's consensus was that if an updated land use plan couldn't be obtained, that it might be wiser to delete the existing Chapter 2 from the master plan.

For the next meeting, Mr. Gurr asked the Planning Commission to read Chapter 3: Natural Resources and Environment.

9. Various Matters

The Planning Commission discussed regional issues. Ms. Barnard distributed information she'd received at a meeting she'd attended in Traverse City. She also mentioned issues regarding a special use property in the Village of Bellaire.

10. Public/Member Comment

None.

Motion by Barb Bradford, seconded by Rick Teague, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Barb Bradford, Secretary
Antrim County Planning Commission
Date: