

**County of Antrim - Planning Commission**

Jill Barnard  
Mike Hayes  
Bill Bailey

**Jim Gurr, Chairman**  
Rick Teague, Vice-Chair  
Barbara Bradford, Secretary

Laura Stanek  
Christian Marcus  
Ron Tschudy

**Minutes - April 5, 2016**

**Board of Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor, Antrim County Building, Bellaire, Michigan**

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Bill Bailey, Barb Bradford, Mike Hayes, Laura Stanek, Rick Teague, Ron Tschudy  
Members Absent: Jill Barnard, Christian Marcus  
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Janet Koch

**1. Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chairman Jim Gurr**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

None.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Laura Stanek, seconded by Barb Bradford, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**6. Farmland Development Rights Application**

Mr. Gurr gave an overview of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program. Ms. Stanek said the property had to be contiguous with the applicant's other PA 116 properties.

**Motion by Bill Bailey, seconded by Rick Teague, to recommend the Banks Township Board approve the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Programs application from Marvin Rubingh for parcel number 05-01-035-022-00. Motion carried – unanimous.**

**7. Rules and Procedure Committee**

Mr. Gurr said Section 6.1 of the Planning Commission's Rules for the Transaction of Business state that in even numbered years, the Rules are to be reviewed. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to have a review of the Rules as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**8. Master Plan Chapter 3: Implementation Steps**

The Planning Commission reviewed the implementation steps for Chapter 3.

Mr. Gurr described the background of the first implementation step. Mr. Tschudy asked about the text on Map 3-5 and cited a number of spelling errors and instances of awkward sentence construction.

The second step was discussed and left intact.

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The Planning Commission discussed the third implementation step. Ms. Bradford requested that Mike Meriwether, County Forester, be asked to attend the next Planning Commission meeting. Pete Garwood, County Administrator, said the Administration Department would contact Mr. Meriwether and request his attendance at the May meeting.

It was noted that Step 4 as written should be eliminated. Ms. Stanek said the implementation step was meant to apply to the abandoned water wells that are not closed and sealed properly. She added that in the State of Michigan, abandoned water wells haven't been established to be the responsibility of either the landowner or the Department of Environmental Quality. Currently there are laws that a driller has to cap an old water well when drilling a new water well. It was requested that the Administration Department contact the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to invite Casey Clement to a future meeting.

Mr. Teague noted number 5, asking about a definition of a Green Business Park. Mr. Garwood said he would bring suggested language back to the next meeting.

The necessity of having data regarding boat registrations and hunting licenses in the Master Plan was discussed. Creating a new implementation step concerning oil-gas lines was discussed. Mr. Teague said the County has no jurisdiction over oil and/or gas lines. Ms. Stanek said the Department of Environmental Quality office in Gaylord has pipeline maps.

Mr. Gurr asked to have a discussion of Chapter 4: Existing Conditions and Land Use at the next meeting.

**9. Various Matters**

**Strategic Planning**

Mr. Garwood said the Board of Commissioners had scheduled a strategic planning session on the morning of Thursday, April 28. Mr. Teague said he felt that was a step in the right direction.

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting**

Ms. Koch said the first CIP meeting for 2016 was scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.

**10. Public/Member Comment**

Mr. Bailey asked about the recycling millage that is planned for the August ballot. Ms. Koch said ballot language for the recycling millage would be made available on the County website after it is approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

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Barb Bradford, Secretary  
Antrim County Planning Commission  
Date: