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County of Antrim **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Jill Barnard

Al Luurtsema, Chairman

Mike Hayes

Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair

Laura Stanek

Barbara Bradford

Alan Martel, Secretary

Rick Teague

Minutes

January 11, 2011

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Barb Bradford, Mike Hayes, Rick Teague, Al Luurtsema and Alan Martel

Members Absent: Jill Barnard and Laura Stanek

Advisory Present:

Staff and Others: Joe Meyers and Pete Garwood

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema.

2. Election of Officers

Peter Garwood, Coordinator/Planner, chaired the meeting for the election of Officers.

Nominations

Al Luurtsema was nominated for Chairman by Alan Martel.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Rick Teague, to close nominations for Chairman and cast a unanimous ballot for Al Luurtsema. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

Jim Gurr was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Alan Martel.

Motion by Rick Teague, supported by Barb Bradford, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Gurr. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

Alan Martel was nominated for Secretary by Mike Hayes.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Rick Teague, to close nominations for Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for Alan Martel. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Rick Teague, to set the regular meetings for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

Concern was voiced about meetings which will fall on the day after Memorial Day and Labor Day. As the Rules & Procedures address this issue, it was decided it was not an issue.

3. Minutes

Motion by Jim Gurr, supported by Barb Bradford, to approve the Minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting with the above amendment. Motion Carried – Unanimous.

4. Planners Moments

The Planning Commission watched the Planners Moments DVD.

Alan Martel asked if it is a new twist on the law to get the community to write the Master Plan. Discussion ensued on what the community can do in the preparation of a Master Plan.

5. Wind Energy Training

Joe Meyers talked about how he contacted the three people that the Planning Commission had asked the Coordinator/Planner office to put on a training and he indicated that one didn't respond, one indicated that we would need to cover the travel expenses from Las Vegas, and the other one costs \$900. Discussion ensued over the need for training and Alan Martel spoke on inviting Randy Smith to put on training.

6. County Master Plan

Barb Bradford handed out a survey that she wanted to have the Planning Commission fill out for the environment section. Discussion ensued over the role of the County Master Plan. The Planning Commission decided that we will go over the environmental section at our next meeting. Mike Hayes spoke on how if one person spoke at a time, the Planning Commission could have a more efficient meeting.

7. Communications

Al Luurtsema distributed copies of an article and the law of medical marijuana.

Alan Martel talked about the movie "Waiting for Superman" and how he would be having a viewing in Torch Lake Township.

Public member comment

Rick Teague thanked the Commission for a very good meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
Antrim County Planning Commission

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Dave Howelman

Mike Hayes

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Karen Bargy

Barbara Bradford

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Rick Teague

February 1, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Mike Hayes, Dave Howelman,
Barb Bradford, Jill Barnard, Karen Bargy, and Alan Martel

Members Absent:

Advisory Present: None

Staff and Others: Joe Meyers and Pete Garwood

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes

Motion by Rick Teague, supported by Jim Gurr, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - Unanimous.

4. Planners Moments

The Commission watched the Planner's Moments DVD regarding joint planning. Discussion ensued over joint planning.

5. County Master Plan

Discussion ensued over the natural resources and environment section. The Commission went through Barb Bradford's questionnaire.

Discussion ensued over wind generation and the proper place to put it in the Master Plan. Jim Gurr indicated that we could put wind generation in the infrastructure. Barb Bradford indicated that she created the questionnaire because she wanted the Commission to have a discussion on what we wanted to include in the Master Plan.

Karen Bargy indicated that she felt that we should not put direct language either for or against wind generation until all of the state and federal legislation has been resolved.

The Commission indicated that we should make it a general statement of wind energy.

Motion by Karen Bargo, supported by Barb Bradford, to put a statement in the Master Plan acknowledging that Antrim County has many renewable resources and that there is potential for renewable energy production in the future. Motion carried – unanimous.

Joe Meyers informed the Commission that he set up a wind energy training session with Randy Smith for March 15th. Due to a few members of the Planning Commission not being able to attend on that date, the Commission picked March 14th or 22nd for two potential dates.

Barb Bradford indicated that she felt some language discouraging deep injection wells would be appropriate in the Master Plan.

Discussion ensued over injection wells.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Alan Martel, that we put a statement in our Master Plan indicating that understanding the need to protect Antrim County’s water resources we urge agencies to carefully evaluate permits when looking at primary and secondary injection wells that are outside the originally permitted use. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Public/Member Comment

Alan Martel spoke on tree planting and he would like to have a section on tree planting in the environmental section.

Jill Barnard would like to write a letter to Laura Stanek thanking her for her years of service on the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
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Barbara Bradford

Alan Martel, Secretary

Rick Teague

March 1, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Mike Hayes, Dave Howelman, Barb Bradford, Jill Barnard, Karen Bargy, and Alan Martel
Members Absent: None
Advisory Present: Stan Moore
Staff and Others: Joe Meyers and Pete Garwood

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema.

2. Public Comment

The Committee asked if we could have a Conflict of Interest Disclosure on the agenda every month.

3. Minutes

Motion by Rick Teague, supported by Jill Barnard, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of February 1, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - Unanimous.

4. Planners Moments

The Commission watched the Planner's Moments DVD regarding Access Management. Discussion ensued over Access Management.

5. County Master Plan

Discussion ensued over the Master Plan.

Rick Teague asked if the COA should be included in the Human Element. Barb Bradford indicated that it was included in the Master Plan. Joe Meyers was directed to find the text that is currently in the Master Plan.

Mike Hayes spoke on how we should put text in the Master Plan in the Economic Development section on how retirees that volunteer help the economy as well as others that volunteer. The Commission directed the Coordinator/Planner office look into the volunteer hours of all the organizations in Antrim County.

Discussion ensued over Public Safety and how we might want to add a section in the Human Element section regarding it. The Commission asked the Coordinator/Planner office to add a Public Safety section in the Human Element section.

Discussion ensued over the recycling program.

Stan Moore recommended the Planning Commission add the total of products sold in the County in the Agriculture section. Mr. Moore also spoke on the potential of adding the agricultural processing facilities in the Agriculture section.

Discussion ensued over the Implementation section and whether or not to address this section at tonight's meeting.

The Commission decided that they would look at the Implementation section when we get through the text of the Master Plan before sending it out for public comment.

6. Various Matters

Joe Meyers handed out the flyer on the Wind Energy Training the Planning Commission is putting on March 22, 2011.

Barb Bradford spoke about a meeting she had with Greg McMasters, our State Representative, regarding Broadband fiber. She asked if the Coordinator/Planner office could draft a letter to Mr. McMasters asking for help in acquiring funds for Antrim County.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported Jill Barnard, to recommend Pete Garwood draft a letter requesting money from the State of Michigan for Broadband in Antrim County.

Motion rescinded.

The Commission discussed on the Meadowbrook Medical Care Facilities expansion.

7. Public/Member Comment

Mike Hayes spoke on tainted waters from the Fracking process in oil well drilling. Discussion ensued over the Alba well.

Barb Bradford spoke on deep injection wells.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

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Barbara Bradford

Alan Martel, Secretary

Rick Teague

April 5, 2011

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

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Mike Hayes, Dave Howelman, Barb Bradford, and Karen Bargy
Members Absent: Al Luurtsema, Al Martel, and Jill Barnard
Advisory Present: Stan Moore
Staff and Others: Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Jim Gurr

2. Public Comment

None

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Discussion ensued over what is considered a conflict of interest.

4. Minutes

Motion by Mike Hayes, supported by Barb Bradford, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of March 1, 2011 as presented. Motion carried - Unanimous.

5. Planners Moments

The Commission watched the Planner's Moments DVD regarding Creating Active Communities. Discussion ensued over Creating Active Communities.

6. Torch Lake Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Discussion ensued over the Licensed Upland Game Bird Hunting Preserves and the need to have site plan review on these preserves and not other hunting preserves

Karen Bargy spoke on how she felt that section 18.04 m is overreaching on business owners.

Jim Gurr indicated that it would place a lot of burden on the Township to enforce this ordinance.

Barb Bradford commended the Township for section 18.07 and appreciates the undergrounding of power lines and the night skies principle as we discuss in our Master Plan.

Motion by Mike Hayes, supported by Barb Bradford, the Planning Commission recommends Torch Lake Township approve the zoning ordinance amendments with the comments that it seems to place a high degree of oversight on the part of township. Motion carried – unanimous.

7. County Master Plan

Discussion ensued over the Master Plan.

Karen Bargy spoke on the Human Element section of the master plan and how it addressed the older population but does not seem to address younger families.

Jim Gurr appointed Karen Bargy to put together information on young families for the Human Element section. Discussion ensued over the Human Element section and how it needs to be updated to 2011.

8. Various Matters

Mike Hayes asked if we could move our meeting in August from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday.

9. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

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Mike Hayes

Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair

Karen Bargy

Barbara Bradford

Alan Martel, Secretary

Rick Teague

May 3, 2011

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

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Mike Hayes, Dave Howelman, Barb Bradford,
Al Luurtsema, Al Martel, and Jill Barnard

Members Absent: Karen Bargy

Advisory Present:

Staff and Others: Pete Garwood and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

The Commission questioned why the Conflict of Interest Disclosure was not on the agenda. Joe Meyers indicated that he would make sure that it would not happen again.

4. Minutes

Motion by Mike Hayes, supported by Barb Bradford, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of April 5, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - Unanimous.

5. Banks Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Tim Underwood from Ellsworth Farmers Exchange entered the meeting.

Joe Meyers informed the Commission of the changes that were made to the Banks Township Zoning Ordinance and indicated that there was no inconsistency with the County Master Plan.

Tim Underwood discussed the development project that the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange was in the process of doing at their Atwood operation. Mr. Underwood indicated that these changes would be good for the Farmers Exchange in the future as well.

The Commission saw no opposition to the zoning ordinance amendment.

Motion by Jim Gurr, supported by Barb Bradford, to recommend the Banks Township Board approve the Zoning Ordinance amendments as presented and see no incompatibility with The Antrim County Master Plan. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Planners Moments

The Commission watched the Planner's Moments DVD regarding Placemaking. Discussion ensued over economic development, walkable communities and Placemaking.

Discussion ensued over the potential of having research facilities in the area and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

Pete Garwood indicated that at the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) luncheon Jennifer Nelson, the Chief Administration Officer of the MEDC, would be the keynote speaker.

Motion by Barb Bradford, to recommend that Pete Garwood and Dave Howelman speak with the MEDC at the NLEA luncheon and bring back some answers. Motion died due to lack of support.

7. County Master Plan

Joe Meyers indicated that he was still compiling figures and was hoping to have further information by the next meeting.

8. Various Matters

Dave Howelman handed out an informational sheet from the Health Department about hydraulic fracturing drilling.

9. Public/Member Comment

Mike Hayes asked if the Commission could move the meeting in August from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday.

Motion by Dave Howelman, supported by Rick Teague, to move the August meeting from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday. Motion carried – unanimous.

Al Luurtsema questioned why the Planning Commission does not say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each meeting.

Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Barb Bradford, to start each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion carried – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

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Karen Bargy

Barbara Bradford

Alan Martel, Secretary

Rick Teague

June 7, 2011

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

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Karen Bargy, Mike Hayes, Barb Bradford, Al Luurtsema, Jill Barnard, and Al Martel

Members Absent: Dave Howelman

Advisory Present:

Staff and Others: Dean Solomon, Pete Garwood, and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Rick Teague, to approve the Planning Commission minutes of May 3, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - Unanimous.

5. Lake Charlevoix Watershed Survey

Dean Solomon spoke on the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Survey and the process they used in creating the survey. Mr. Solomon also indicated that they had a return rate of 62% which is high for a governmental survey.

Discussion ensued over the survey and how the questions were worded.

6. County Master Plan

Joe Meyers spoke on the American Community Survey (ACS) and how Antrim County is surveyed every 5 years, and that the majority of the information from the former "long form Census" is in it. Joe Meyers also indicated that you could not compare the census to the ACS because the ACS is a survey and the numbers are different.

The Commission asked the Coordinator/Planner office to use the ACS Data to complement the Census.

7. Various Matters

Barb Bradford informed the Commission that she had been writing letters to the legislature regarding the need for Broadband Internet in Antrim County. Barb Bradford spoke on economic development in Antrim County and how she would like to see a group formed to work on developing the Business Park.

Al Luurtsema appointed a subcommittee of Alan Martel, Barb Bradford, and Mike Hayes to work on developing the Business Park.

Pete Garwood informed the Committee that 45th Parallel Furniture Company is having their grand opening on June 20, 2011. Alan Martel and Barb Bradford indicated that they would like to be on the list to attend the grand opening.

Alan Martel spoke on how there is an emergency response group starting in Torch Lake Township to prepare for an emergency.

Rick Teague spoke on how the Township Ambulance Authority renovated the ambulance hall in Mancelona.

8. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
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Jill Barnard	Al Luurtsema, Chairman	Dave Howelman
Mike Hayes	Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair	Karen Bargy
Barbara Bradford	Alan Martel, Secretary	Rick Teague

July 5, 2011

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

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Karen Bargy, Mike Hayes, Barb Bradford, Al Luurtsema, Jill Barnard, and Dave Howelman
Members Absent: Alan Martel
Advisory Present:
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Jim Gurr, supported by Mike Hayes, to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of June 7, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - Unanimous.

5. Planners Moments DVD

The Commission watched the Planners Moments DVD regarding conducting an effective public meeting. Discussion ensued over conducting a public meeting.

6. Helena Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Jim Gurr informed the Commission on how they had reviewed the Ordinance once before but due to a mistake, it needed to be reviewed again. Discussion ensued over the definition of 'ambient'. Mike Hayes spoke on the vertical wind generators and the height restrictions placed on them.

Motion by Barb Bradford, supported by Jill Barnard, that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no inconsistencies with the Master Plan and recommends the Helena Township Board approve the Wind Energy Ordinance as presented. Motion carried – unanimous.

7. Antrim County Master Plan

Discussion ensued over the Master Plan. The Commission went through the Human Element section. The Commission decided to put back in the Adult Day Care section as well as mention North Flight as an emergency service. The Commission also wanted to include all of the surrounding emergency rooms in the area.

8. Public/Member Comment

Joe Meyers informed the Commission of the joint meeting that is being set up between the Economic Development Corporation and the Planning Commission.

Discussion ensued over high speed internet.

9. Public/Member Comment

Jim Gurr informed the Commission of Shirley Klunzinger.

Joe Meyers informed the Commission of the departure of Shannon Meeder from the Coordinator/Planner Office at the end of the week.

Karen Bargy thanked all the entities that put on fireworks for the Fourth of July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
Antrim County Planning Comm.

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Jill Barnard	Al Luurtsema, Chairman	Dave Howelman
Mike Hayes	Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair	Karen Bargy
Barbara Bradford	Alan Martel, Secretary	Rick Teague

August 9, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Karen Bargy, Mike Hayes, Barb Bradford, Al Luurtsema, and Jill Barnard
Members Absent: Alan Martel and Dave Howelman
Advisory Present:
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Jim Gurr, supported by Mike Hayes, to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of July 5, 2011 as presented. Motion carried - Unanimous.

5. Planners Moments DVD

The Commission watched the Planners Moments DVD on Growth Boundaries. Discussion ensued over the different aspects of growth boundaries.

6. Master Plan – Demographic

The Planning Commission reviewed the Demographic Section of the master plan. Joe informed them that the maps were being produced by the GIS Department.

7. Various Matters

Discussion ensued over the letter from the Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Pete Garwood, County Administrator, spoke on the different tasks of the EDC and the Planning Commission.

Mike Hayes spoke on how some members of the community feel that the EDC doesn't do a lot of work.

Al Luurtsema spoke regarding the lack of development east of Bellaire in the County and because the land is flat, it would appear to be prime developable land. Mr. Luurtsema feels that something should be done to promote the east side of Antrim County.

Barb Bradford commented on her feelings that the letter was rude, and she also spoke regarding the process of setting up of the Business Park Committee.

Karen Bary also commented that she was not happy with the letter and would like to work in a more cooperative effort with the EDC.

Discussion ensued over the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

Jim Gurr commented that the committee was meant to be helpful.

Discussion ensued over whether or not there should be a response to the letter. The Committee directed the chair to write a response letter.

8. Public/Member Comment

Mike Hayes thanked the Commission for rescheduling the meeting and indicated that he would not be at the next two meetings.

Barb Bradford spoke on a documentary on Fordson High School.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
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Jill Barnard	Al Luurtsema, Chairman	Dave Howelman
Mike Hayes	Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair	Karen Bargy
Barbara Bradford	Alan Martel, Secretary	Rick Teague

September 6, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Jill Barnard, Barb Bradford, and Al Luurtsema
Members Absent: Karen Bargy, Mike Hayes, and Dave Howelman
Advisory Present:
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Rick Teague, supported by Barb Bradford, to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of August 9, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - unanimous.

5. P.A. 116 Application

Joe Meyers handed out a sheet explaining what the PA 116 program was and the process of approving an application.

Discussion ensued over farmland preservation and the differences between PA 116 and the counties other farmland preservation tool.

Motion by Jim Gurr, supported by Alan Martel, to recommend approval of the PA 116 Application for Mr. Gary Torkanek. Motion carried – unanimous.

6. Correspondence to EDC

Discussion ensued over the letter.

Barb Bradford spoke on how she felt that the letter should have discussed the business park development and not developing the business park. Ms. Bradford also spoke on how we should take out the “at your convenience” clause.

The Commission agreed that we should add “contact the Administration and Planning Office” at the end of the letter. The Chairman indicated that he would sign the letter.

7. Master Plan

Mr. Meyers handed out two dot density maps to go in our master plan. The Commission agreed that we should have one dot equal two (2) residents.

8. Various Matters

None.

9. Public/Member Comment

Alan Martel spoke on the storm on the east coast and wondered how much of the cost was for overhead power lines. Mr. Martel also spoke on term limits, how Torchfest was a misuse of public waterways, and products that are made in America.

Discussion ensued over underground power lines.

Ms. Bradford spoke on the International Space Station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
Antrim County Planning Comm.

County of Antrim
PLANNING COMMISSION

Jill Barnard	Al Luurtsema, Chairman	Dave Howelman
Mike Hayes	Jim Gurr, Vice-Chair	Karen Bargy
Barbara Bradford	Alan Martel, Secretary	Rick Teague

October 4, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Jill Barnard, Barb Bradford, Karen Bargy, and Al Martel
Members Absent: Mike Hayes and Dave Howelman
Advisory Present:
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Jill Barnard, supported by Jim Gurr, to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of September 6, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - unanimous.

5. Planners Moments

The Planning Commission watched a Planners Moments episode on shoreline buffers.

Jill Barnard indicated that she wished they would have discussed property owners wanting to enjoy the view of the lake and safely watch their children while swimming.

Alan Martel spoke on how he felt that shoreline buffers were a lie and he doesn't understand why MSUE is pushing this issue on the townships.

Barb Bradford spoke on the Alba Well issue and how most of the contaminated waters are still leaching into Little Traverse Bay.

Jim Gurr spoke on UN Agenda 21 and how shoreline buffers are an example of what they are trying to accomplish.

6. Master Plan

Discussion ensued over Chapter 5 of the Master Plan. Joe indicated that he had made the necessary changes with the census and the American Community Survey. Joe also went through the maps that were created by the counties GIS Technician. Discussion ensued over the population projections and how the numbers were calculated.

The committee decided to review Chapter 10 for the November Meeting.

Discussion ensued over the economic development section. The Committee directed the Administration and Planning Office to send Chapter 6 to the Economic Development Corporation and inform them that the section would be reviewed at the December 6, 2011 meeting and ask them that they are more than welcome to attend the meeting to discuss the chapter.

7. Various Matters

None.

8. Public/Member Comment

Rick Teague spoke on the senior update and the Township Ambulance Authority.

Pete Garwood spoke on Land Development Rights Law that the Senate just passed that Al Luurtsema asked him to present.

Mr. Gurr spoke on Antrim County and how he was happy he lived in a place such as this.

Alan Martel spoke on the documentary film "Waiting for Superman".

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Jill Barnard	Al Luurtsema, Chairman	Dave Howelman
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Barbara Bradford	Alan Martel, Secretary	Rick Teague

November 1, 2011

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

Members Present: Al Luurtsema, Jim Gurr, Rick Teague, Jill Barnard, Barb Bradford, Karen Bargy, Mike Hayes, Dave Howelman and Al Martel
Members Absent: None
Advisory Present: Stan Moore
Staff and Others: Pete Garwood, Gene Dawson, and Joe Meyers

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Al Luurtsema

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

None.

4. Minutes

Motion by Rick Teague, supported by Jill Barnard, to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of October 4, 2011 as amended. Motion carried - unanimous.

5. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance

Gene Dawson, County Commissioner and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) member informed the Commission of the work that had been done for the County by the NLEA.

Discussion ensued over the Mancelona and the Counties business park.

Gene handed out an estimate of the investment that has been brought in to the County thanks to the work of the NLEA (attached).

6. Planners Moments

The Commission watched the Planners Moments DVD on Planning and Economic

Development. Discussion ensued over Economic Development and business attraction.

7. Master Plan

Discussion ensued over Chapter 10 of the Master Plan. Discussion ensued over Principle 6 and 9 and minor changes were made.

8. Various Matters

Joe Meyers informed the Committee of the Elk River Chain of Lakes workshop happening on November 9th, and encouraged everyone to attend.

9. Public/Member Comment

Alan Martel spoke on the American with Disabilities Act requiring handicap access to all public spaces.

Mr. Martel also spoke on the process of nonconforming uses and how most townships go about permitting them.

Karen Bargy indicated that she would like to see the Planning Commission be compensated for attending the Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed workshop.

Motion by Karen Bargy, supported by Alan Martel, to request the Board of Commissioners pay per diem for members of the Planning Commission that attend the Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed workshop. Motion carried – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted and Approved

Alan Martel, Secretary Date:
Antrim County Planning Comm.