

County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Richard Friske, Jr., Chair
Bill Hefferan

Leslie Elrod, Secretary
Kenneth Provost

Jim Gurr, Vice Chair
Ron Tschudy

Minutes – January 10, 2023

Members Present: Leslie Elrod, Jim Gurr, Bill Hefferan, Ron Tschudy, Richard Friske, Jr.

Members Absent: Kenneth Provost

Staff and Others: Jeremy Scott - Administrator, Stan Moore - MSU Extension

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jeremy Scott

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Organizational Meeting

New members introduced themselves include Leslie Elrod and District 1 Commissioner, Bill Hefferan.

Election of Officers

Jeremy Scott chaired the organizational portion of the meeting.

Chair

Jim Gurr Nominated Richard Friske, Jr.

Ron Tschudy Nominated Jim Gurr

Motion by Jim Gurr seconded by Richard Friske, Jr. to close nominations.

Members voted by show of hand, Richard Friske, Jr. – 4, Jim Gurr - 1

Richard Friske, Jr. chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Vice-Chair

Bill Hefferan Nominated Jim Gurr

Motion by Bill Hefferan, seconded by Leslie Elrod to close nominations for Vice-Chair and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Gurr.

Motion Passes: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 1

Secretary

Richard Friske nominated Leslie Elrod

Motion by Jim Gurr, seconded by Bill Hefferan to close nominations for Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for Leslie Elrod.

Selection of Meeting Dates and Times

It was pointed out to the Commission that July 4th would fall on a PC meeting and that the bylaws have the meeting rescheduled to the following Tuesday, July 11th.

Motion by Jim Gurr, seconded by Bill Hefferan to set the meeting for the first Tuesday of every other month at 4:30pm beginning in January.

Motion Passes: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 1

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Leslie Elrod, seconded by Jim Gurr to approve the January 10, 2023 agenda as presented.

Motion Passes: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 1

5. Public Comment

The resignation of Kenny Provost from the Planning Commission was read aloud (see attached).

Mack Whitehouse gave comments in support of the Milton Township zoning amendments. Dwayne Meyer from Milton Township also spoke.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Leslie Elrod, seconded by Jim Gurr, to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022 as presented.

Motion Passes: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 1

7. Old Business

Jeremy Scott gave an overview update on the Master Plan

8. New Business

Milton Township – Proposed Zoning Amendments

Motion by Ron Tschudy, seconded by Bill Hefferan, that the Antrim County Planning Commission found no incompatibilities between the Milton Township proposed ZO 2022-02 and ZO 2022-03 amendments and the Antrim County Master Plan. The County Planning Commission recommends approval of ZO 2022-03 but recommends that objective language be established in section 117.1605 parts R and S before approving ZO 2022-02.

Motion Passes: Yes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 1

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

A Short discussion ensued. Leslie pointed out that the strategies chart did not have a legend and strategy type was not explained. Bill Hefferan pointed out that on page 14, Age, Race, & Disability, Grand Traverse County was used rather than Antrim County.

9. Various Matters

None

10. Public/Member Comment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

From: [Richard Friske](#)
To: [Scott, Jeremy](#); [Boyd, Margie](#)
Subject: Fwd: Resignation
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:24:21 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kenny Provost <kennetheprovost@gmail.com>
Date: January 10, 2023 at 5:32:10 PM EST
To: Richard Friske <richard@friske.com>
Subject: Resignation

Hello Jeremy and Antrim County Planning Commission,

I regret to inform you that my time on the planning commission must come to a close. Due to life changes, the addition of a third child in my family, and the need to pursue more effort in my professional life has made it too difficult to produce much meaningful impact with this position. If I am to be involved, I want to be able to give the position the effort that it deserves, and I simply cannot do that at this time.

I hope that this stepping down comes at a good time. As we discussed a shift to a five-person commission.

I truly appreciate being chosen to be part of this and to provide some sort of service to our great community, but I will have to seek other means that better suit my current situation.

It has been a pleasure to meet all of you, and I wish you all the best in 2023 and beyond.

Again, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

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Kenny Provost
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