

Calhoun County Planning Commission
Minutes
March 23, 2015

Present: Comrs. Robert Bolton, Blaine VanSickle, Sarah Kelly, Suzanne Ebright, Dan Kesselring, Kelli Scott, Angie Kline, Terance Lunger and Kelli Scott. Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba, Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb.

Excused: Linda Freybler

1. The March 23, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll was called by the Deputy Clerk.

3. Approval of Agenda

“Moved Scott, support by Kline to approve the March 23, 2015 Calhoun County Planning Commission agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of February 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

“Moved Ebright, support by Kelly to approve the February 23, 2015 Calhoun County Planning Commission minutes as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

6. Communication

There was none.

7. Old Business

There was none.

8. New Business

a. Calhoun County Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report

Planning Consultant Bomba passed out an updated Annual Report to the Commissioners. She explained this was a summary of their actions taken throughout 2014 and membership changes were the only corrections from the version received in their agenda packets. She explained that after their approval, it is a statutory requirement that it be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners.

“Moved Lunger, support by Ebright to approve the Calhoun County Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report as presented and forward to the County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

- a. 03-15-01, Leroy Township: Zoning Text Amendment regarding Swimming Pools

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Scott, support by Kelly to approve with comment 3-15-01, Leroy Township: Zoning Text Amendment regarding Swimming Pools with the suggestion that the definition of clean be clarified (item h), as well as how “out of use” pools will be addressed.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. Department Report

Planning Consultant Bomba stated that Lee Adams of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Commission will be coming to the April meeting to give an update on the direction they are going and how we can work together. They are housed out of the Upjohn Institute and have access to many great resources.

Bomba stated MSU Extension is hosting a Place Making seminar that will be held on May 6 here in the County Building. This is a free seminar that would be a perfect topic for Commissioners to participate in. A flyer was provided with details of how to register for the event.

Bomba stated that she will be attending the Calhoun County chapter meeting of the Michigan Township Association and will be updating them on planning activities and networking for a government representative on the Commission as this position is currently vacant.

Bomba stated that the new Planning Department office space provides easy access to other departments and allows her to work closely with them, such as she did with Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. She stated that ultimately the County will promote these services to townships.

11. Member Comments

There were none.

12. Public Comments

There were none.

13. Announcements: The next Calhoun County Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for April 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment: 4:44