

Calhoun County Planning Commission
Minutes
July 27, 2015

Present: Comrs. Blaine VanSickle, Sarah Kelly, Suzanne Ebright, Angie Kline, Terence Lunger, Dan Kesselring and Kelli Scott. Staff: Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb.

Excused: Linda Freybler

1. The July 27, 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 Kesselring, supported by Scott to approve the July 27, 2015 Calhoun County Planning Commission agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Approval of March 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

“Moved Kesselring, second by Scott to approve the March 23, 2015 Calhoun County Planning Commission minutes as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

6. Communication

- a. Resignation of Bob Bolton as a member of the County Planning Commission

Bolton submitted a resignation of his General Citizen Member seat on the Planning Commission. The Board would work to recruit a replacement.

7. Old Business

There was none.

8. New Business

There was none.

9. Township Planning and Zoning Coordination

- a. 6-15-01, Fredonia Township: PA 116 Application for Dennis and Denise Boughton

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Kesselring, second by Scott to approve 6-15-01, Eckford Township: PA 116 Application for Dennis and Denise Boughton as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

- b. 6-15-02, Marshall Township: PA 116 Application for Dr. Philip Glotfelty III Trust

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Kesselring, second by Lunger to approve 6-15-02, Marshall Township: PA 116 Application for Dr. Philip Glotfelty III Trust as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

- c. 7-15-01, Sheridan Township: PA 116 Application for Mallory Spradlin

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Scott, second by Kesselring to accept the 7-15-01, Sheridan Township: PA 116 Application for Mallory Spradlin as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

- d. 7-15-02, Marengo Township: PA 116 Application for Mallory Spradlin

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Lunger, second by Scott to accept the 7-15-02, Marengo Township: PA 116 Application for Mallory Spradlin as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

- e. 7-15-03, Albion Township: PA 116 Application for Robert Taylor

Staff recommended for approval.

“Moved Kesselring, second by Kline to accept the 7-15-03, Marengo Township: PA 116 Application for Robert Taylor as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. Department Report

Planning Consultant Bomba stated she had been working behind the scenes for membership recruitment, as they had openings for the Economic Development, Government, and General Citizen Representatives. She stated Jeff Adams with Newton Township was considering joining as the Government Representative. She asked the Commissioners to help seek out a member for the General Citizen Member and noted the person does not have to have planning background.

Bomba stated we are entering budget season and she was trying to work with other county departments to assist with projects as a Community Development package. She stated the budget will go forward similar to what it has been in the past.

Bomba shared information that was given from the Southcentral Michigan Planning Commission at the last meeting by Lee Adams. She stated she believes we can present ourselves differently in working to get townships to see the county as a partner, such as giving them guidance.

She believes there is a lack of planning going on at the township level and that is why we aren't seeing a lot of new changes.

11. Member Comments

Member Scott stated that 40 -60% of farmland in Calhoun County is entered in PA 116. Bomba stated that a termination of a PA 116 contract requires that the past seven years of tax credits be paid back. This is how the state's purchase of development rights program is funded. Unfortunately the state does not have the staff to work on collection of those owed funds and therefore the program is in limbo.

12. Public Comments

There were none.

13. Announcements: The next Calhoun County Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment: 4:35