

The Oceana County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greiner on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 1:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Garry McKeen, Mr. John Stivers, Mr. Michael Cook, Mr. Phil Morse, Mr. Paul Cutter, Mr. Al Blohm, Mr. Scott Rumsey, Mr. John Foss, and Chairperson Vince Greiner.

Also present: Ms. Angela Aerts, Oceana County Administrator's Office; and Ms. Lori Green, Weare Township resident, were also present via Zoom.

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 891 9053 1054.

APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES

Moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Blohm to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. McKeen to approve the agenda of the March 4, 2021 Oceana County Planning Commission meeting as amended.

Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE OCEANA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no correspondence received to date for the Oceana County Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Master Plan.
 - The Master Plan was originally approved in April 2016 and needs to be reviewed and reapproved on a 5-year cycle.

Chairperson Greiner mentioned that West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) may offer a quote for doing the Oceana County Master Plan this year, which should not be expensive because the original one done in 2016 was so thorough.

Mr. Blohm requested a copy of the 2016 Master Plan.

Mr. Cook believes it would be beneficial for every member of the Planning Commission to review the 2016 Master Plan.

Mr. Morse offered to email the WMSRDC link for the 2016 plan to all Planning Commission members.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mr. McKeen took a moment to remember Bob Carr, former member of the Oceana County Road Commission, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Oceana County Planning Commission. Mr. Carr was very dedicated to his work and was a very interesting man.

Mr. McKeen spoke with Ms. Kathy Evans, Environmental Development for WMSRDC, regarding the Stony Creek Project and the removal of the Marshville Dam. Ms. Evans mentioned that NOAA accepted the grant for the project and has now moved on to the funding committee. NOAA will be handling the project by themselves and completion should be within the next few years.

With NOAA taking on the complete funding, this does create a conflict with the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA), from Traverse City, who helped apply for grant funding from the Michigan DNR Fisheries Trust. Those funds will not be able to be used and NOAA will not fund any park enhancements. Mr. McKeen is hopeful that other funding will become available for enhancements.

Chairperson Greiner inquired as to what the total cost for the Stony Creek Project would be. Mr. McKeen mentioned that it would be between 1.1 to 1.3 million dollars.

Mr. Morse attended the Shelby Township meeting. There will be a McCormick's gas station built on M-20. There will also be a rezoning project north on Oceana Drive, north of the church across from the high school that will stretch all the way to Buchanan Road. This will become residential zoning. And developers will potentially be building 65-100 single family homes for people to purchase. Mr. Morse is in complete support of this idea.

Chairperson Greiner did not attend any of the educational workshops but wondered if anyone else had. Mr. Blohm attended a workshop and found it to be interesting and informative.

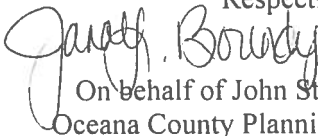
Mr. McKeen mentioned that the Conservation District is helping to host the Knee High Naturalist program at Doolittle Park. Ms. Kari Wilson is the instructor and is teaching 3-5 year olds in an outdoors setting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lori Green, Weare Township resident, mentioned that unless a person has the agenda/meeting information emailed to them, they would be unable to attend the Planning Commission meetings because the information is nowhere to be found on the Oceana County website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Greiner adjourned the Oceana County Planning Commission Meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana L. Boundy
On behalf of John Stivers, Secretary
Oceana County Planning Commission