

The Oceana County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greiner on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 S. State Street, Hart, Michigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Greiner led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Vince Greiner, Vice Chairperson Scott Rumsey, Secretary John Stivers, Mr. Al Blohm, Mr. Paul Cutter, Ms. Gina Loera, Mr. Garry McKeen, and Mr. Phil Morse

Mr. John Foss, whose appointment ended on 12/31/2022, and whose re-appoint was not completed by the County Commission in time for this meeting attended but did not vote.

Also present: Ms. Jessica Long, Accounts Payable Clerk

By telephone: Mr Stephen Carlson, from WMSRDC who is the project manager for the joint Oceana Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. McKeen and seconded by Mr. Blohm to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Oceana County Planning Commission meeting.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

The minutes from the November 3, 2022 Oceana County Planning Commission meeting were not approved at either this or the December 1, 2022 meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. Stivers and seconded by Mr. McKeen the agenda was modified to consider the recommendation to the County Commission the reappointment of Mr. Foss to the Planning Commission, and the postponement of election of officers and review of available training until the February meeting. Review of the Greenwood Township zoning changes to be added to Correspondence

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

RECOMMENDATION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER

Moved by Mr. McKeen and seconded by Mr. Morse, for the Planning Commission to recommend to the County Commission that Mr. Foss be reappointed to the Planning Commission.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved by Mr. Stivers and seconded by Mr. Cutter, to postpone the election of officers until the February meeting.

Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Master Plan update:
 - By telephone, Mr. Carlson reviewed the December 1, 2022 public input meeting, indicating he felt there had been excellent participation from about 20 community members that were in attendance. He also informed us that, at this point, there has been eleven surveys completed.
 - Mr. Carlson and several commissioners agreed to difference responsibilities to organize a meeting to garner input from the youth of Oceana County. The Youth Advisory Council of the Oceana County Community Foundation will be approached to participate. The administration of the county high schools will also be informed.
 - Means to create awareness of the on-line survey were discussed. Among the actions to be taken will be a notice on the landing page of the county's web site. Individual commissioners agreed to notify the following organizations to inform their members to complete the survey: Oceana Conservation District, Rotary Club of Shelby, Veterans Affairs, The Ladder, Council on Aging, and recreation clubs, among others.
 - Mr. Carlson and County staff will use available email lists to notify county, municipal and township officials of the survey. The survey is to be posted on the County's Facebook page as well.
 - The survey cut-off date of Friday, February 3, 2023, was adopted.

Moved Mr. McKeen and seconded by Mr. Blohm to spend no more than \$250.00 to place an advertisement on the Oceana County Press website announcing the survey.

Roll call vote: Chairperson Greiner, Yes; Mr. Rumsey, Yes; Mr. Stivers, Yes; Mr. Blohm, Yes; Mr. Cutter, Yes; Ms. Loera, Yes; Mr. McKeen, Yes; Mr. Morse, Yes; Mr. Foss, No vote. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Greenwood Township zoning revisions were reviewed. The changes being made prompted a discussion between the commissioners on housing.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

- Mr. McKeen reported on the progress of the improvements at Marshville Dam Park. The project is now fully funded.
- The Commissioners thanked Ms. Long, who will be leaving the County, for her service.
- Mr. Morse encouraged the Commissioners to inform the county residents of the FCC survey regarding internet service. The survey is specifically for community members whose internet service quality is not consistent with the evaluation shown on the website's map.
- Mr. McKeen indicated that the County Commission has postponed action on funding any work at the Crystal Valley Dam. There are not any matching funds available for restoration.
- Mr. McKeen informed the commissioners that the Oceana Conservation District will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. He also indicated the Conservation District will be organizing an association of the lake associations in the county to encourage sharing information on water quality strategies.
- No new action was taken on Mr. Morse's request to consider an alternative meeting time for the Planning Commission. Ms. Loera suggested we review it at our meeting in January.
- Mr. Morse updated the progress on several development projects in the county. The building that formerly housed Oceana Foods was purchased by Perdue Farms, and they will be manufacturing pet snacks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

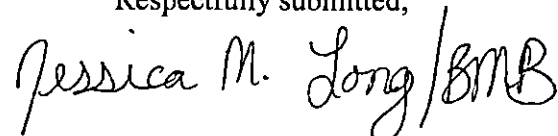
There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Greiner adjourned the meeting at 2:28pm.

The next meeting will be February 2, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 S. State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Long
On behalf of John Stivers, Secretary
Oceana County Planning Commission