

The Oceana County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greiner on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 1:00 pm, 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, Secretary John Stivers, Mr. Garry McKeen, Mr. Al Blohm, and Mr. Phil Morse.

Absent: Vice Chair Gina Loera, Mr. John Foss, Mr. Paul Cutter, and Mr. Scott Rumsey

Also present: Mr. Stephen Carlson and Ms. Jamie Way of West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Council (WMSRDC)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. McKeen to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023, as presented with Oceana County Planning Commission meeting. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. McKeen and seconded by Mr. Blohm to approve the July 6, 2023, agenda with the reversal of sequence so Old Business could proceed New Business. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- Master Plan Update:
 - When Mr. Carlson last met with the Planning Commission at its May 4th, 2023, meeting the “Generalized Future Land Use Map” from the 2015 Master Plan was reviewed. At the current meeting commissioners resumed the discussion using large printed copies of the 2015 map, a county map showing political units, and a projected ArcGIS map of the county with multiple layer options which were artfully manipulated by Ms. Way.
 - Commissioners evaluated the types of information to be shown, use of possibly multiple maps, ways to show the three major land use zones within the county. Commissioners also considered the potential to link the new Master Plan to updated CAD maps on the County’s website.

- The next step is for Mr. Carlson to contact the municipalities (city, villages, and townships) within the county to obtain their master plan's future land uses information. While WMSRDC already has CAD files of their current zoning, the objective is for the next County Master Plan to assimilate input (i.e. future land use maps) from as many governmental entities as possible.
- The Oceana chapter of Michigan Township Association (MTA) was identified as an ideal venue to reinforce this commission's desire for the townships' input.
- Training:
 - No Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Morse initiated the discussion on presenting an update of the county Master Plan at the Oceana chapter MTA meeting on July 26th, 2023, in Ferry. Three points to be discussed are (1) their future land use maps, (2) that the request is for their 5 to 10-year projections – planning versus current zoning, and (3) protentional common and adjacent planning and zoning issues, particularly along common roadways.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairperson Greiner acknowledged the recently received letter from the Golden Township Planning Commission and Township Board that indicated the approval of a major modification to the PUD for carring on racing (W.M. Sand Dragway).

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

- Mr. McKeen reported that the Oceana Conservation District's Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, August 19th, 2023, from 9am. to 1pm. at the Hart Department of Public Works, 1010 S. State Street.
- Mr. McKeen reported resolution of DNR funding issues that had delayed improvements at Stony Creek County Park and Marshville Dam Road. Bidding on the project will now occur between July 14th and August 14th, with work commencement scheduled for Spring of 2024.
- Mr. Morse provided an update on improvements to broadband internet in the county, new available funding and future service providers.
- Mr. Morse indicated that the County Commissioners took no action on the dam removal adjacent to Crystal Valley County Park.
- Mr. McKeen suggested Rich Pugsley of the Friends of Pentwater Watershed as a potential guest to address the September 7th,2023, Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Greiner adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.

The next meeting will be August 3, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 S. State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany M. Bostrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brittany M. Bostrom
On behalf of John Stivers, Secretary
Oceana County Planning Commission