

The Oceana County Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greiner on Thursday, August 3, 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, Vice Chair Gina Loera, Secretary John Stivers, Mr. Garry McKeen, Mr. Al Blohm, Mr. John Foss, Mr. Paul Cutter, and Mr. Phil Morse.

Absent: Mr. Scott Rumsey

Also present: None from the public.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Cutter and seconded by Mr. Blohm to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2023, with the correction of adding Mr. Blohm to being present for the meeting with Oceana County Planning Commission meeting. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mr. Stivers and seconded by Mr. McKeen to approve the August 3, 2023, agenda with the addition of Pentwater consideration to become a city. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- Master Plan Update:
 - At the July 6, 2023, meeting Stephen Carlson, master plan consultant from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission planned to request from all the government entities within the county with Planning Commissions their future land use maps. As of this meeting, he was making those contacts.
 - At the July 26, 2023, meeting of the Oceana Chapter of Michigan Township Association (MTA) held at Ferry Township hall, Commissioner Morse solicited township input for the county masterplan. He also asked to be on their agenda for their next meeting.
- Training:
 - Commissioners discussed possible ongoing training opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

- Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program: Chairman Greiner explained an email was received from an official of MIDARD that an application from Elbridge Township previously reviewed by OCPC had been denied for failing to meet the minimum area requirement.
- Pentwater Village consideration to obtain city designation: Following general discussion Mr. Morse agreed to contact John Amhrein, MSU Extension Service Specialist on public policy to address the role of county planning commissions in this process.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairman Greiner acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the Zoning Administrators of Pentwater Township and Village of Pentwater in which they solicited comment on the draft of their combined master plan. There was limited discussion.

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 Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission is currently out for bids on the improvements at Stony Creek County Park and Marshville Dam Road. The July 28th site review was attended by eight contractors. Bids are due on August 15th, with work commencement scheduled for spring of 2024. Red pines to be harvested from the park will be used in toe wood bank stabilization.
- Mr. Morse who represents Ferry Township on Oceana County Board, indicates their planning and zoning boards may still have unfilled positions.
- Mr. Morse reported that the County Commissioners have funded an engineering study of the dam adjacent to the Crystal Valley County Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Greiner adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.

The next meeting will be September 7, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 S. State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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