

Colfax Township, Weldon Township and Village of Thompsonville
Community Joint Planning Commission
14731 Thompson Avenue, Thompsonville, MI 48683
Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Sue Meredith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call: Jack Richter, Shelley Greene, Peggy Minster, Sue Meredith, Don Suchocki, Debra Franke and Eugene Allen. Absent: Marty Lonn, Bryan Matthews (excused) and Pat Workman.

Citizen Matters. None.

Agenda Additions/Corrections. None.

Approval of Minutes. Shelley moved, seconded by Debra, to accept the September 6 minutes. Ayes: all; motion carried. Debra moved, seconded by Jack, to accept the September 20 minutes. Ayes: all; motion carried.

Draft Master Plan. A corrected Community Assets Map was reviewed; Shelley said the dots now correspond to the listed assets. The September 28 letter from the Benzie County Planning Commission was discussed; some of the comments should be considered when drafting the zoning ordinance. Jack moved and Don seconded the motion to approve the master plan; ayes – all; motion carried. The municipalities will be requested to approve the master plan at their October meetings. Shelley will draft resolutions and seek the required signatures; the resolutions will be included in the final version of the master plan.

Unfinished Business and Reports

- Zoning Administrator Contract. Sue asked Dick Figura to add a clause requiring liability; work is in progress. Employee/independent contractor enforcement issue was forwarded to Mr. Figura. Sue said his position has been that it would not stand up in court; the decision is ours. Revised contract will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Zoning Ordinance Quotes. Shelley will seek firms to quote on development of a joint zoning ordinance.
- Expense/Compensation Approval. Shelley received a post office box renewal notice. All agreed to Jack's suggestion that everyone review and initial expenses prior to approval. Jack expressed interest in budget status. Shelley asked about a prior legal expense (\$362.50); Sue will research.

New Business

- Training. There was no activity to report.
- Grand Traverse Band Grant. Shelley noted that the December deadline is approaching. She offered to work on it; Sue will check with Craig on progress with the application.
- Terms of Appointment. Peggy asked about Marty Lonn's status. Discussion was held on conditions of terms as well as resolutions needed for terms expiring in December. Shelley believed Mr. Figura's earlier email (chairperson issue) addressed board/council members; Sue will distribute.

Correspondence. The county planning commission letter was covered earlier in the meeting. Emails on master plan were read at the public hearing. Bob Hall's email was sent to everyone.

Adjournment. Shelley moved, seconded by Peggy to adjourn at 8:09PM. Next meeting is November 1 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Greene
Secretary

Minutes are proposed until approved at the next meeting.