

MINUTES  
CASCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Present Members: Kyle Robertson, Joe Stevens, Keith Teltow, Stan Pankiewicz, Cynthia Goulston, Jim Edwards, Gerald Keller.

Also present: Supervisor Ruemenapp, Planner Stephen Cassin, Wayne Baumgartner, (2) residents.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Teltow.

2. THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the flag was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Goulston, supported by Member Pankiewicz to approve the January 17, 2017 minutes as submitted.

Ayes: Members Keller, Robertson, Pankiewicz, Edwards, Stevens, Teltow, Goulston.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Stevens, supported by Member Goulston to approve the agenda of February 21, 2017 as submitted.

Ayes: Members Keller, Pankiewicz, Edwards, Stevens, Robertson, Teltow, Goulston.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Member Stevens reported that he and Supervisor Ruemenapp went to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant writing workshop a couple weeks ago that outlined grants that may be available for the recreation plan. Supervisor Ruemenapp indicated they will likely apply for the Natural Resources Trust Fund grant that awards up to 75%. Planner Cassin is working on the application and won't know until December 2017 whether the township has been awarded the grant.

Supervisor Ruemenapp is working on letters of support for the recreation plan. The county will pay up to 25% through the Parks millage. The purchase grant has to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Parks and Recreation plan is submitted to the DNR for review.

There is a workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup> which covers basic training for Planning Commission and ZBA members and a session on land division. Anyone wishing to attend should notify Patty Allergen by March 21<sup>st</sup> and the township will register you.

Planner Cassin reported MSU Extension has a Citizen Planner program and has distributed information for that series. It involves about 25 hours of training starting in March, to be held in Macomb County. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for registration. The township insurance company will pay for ½ of the registration fee, but unsure if there is a maximum number of people they will pay for if they attend.

6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) REVIEW OF CASCO TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

Planner Cassin reported the plan that was reviewed last month then went to the Casco Township Board where some minor changes were made, page 56, added a column for potential funding sources. S.C.C. Planning wanted trails to be mentioned. The plan was approved by the Casco Township Board and must be sent to the state by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Once done Planner Cassin will send a copy to SEMCOG and County Planning Commission. Parks and Recreation plan is valid for five years and can now apply for grants for up to five years. Township is meeting critical dates and on target for grant applications.

Chairman Teltow asked what happens next and Planner Cassin indicated after the township finds out whether the grant is approved, those funds would come to the township and then the grant will be administered. The township is likely to have to appoint a Parks and Recreation committee. The committee can be of any size and doesn't have any specifications as to who serves on that committee. Planning process will begin in 2018, and there are additional monies available for park land improvements.

Six Rivers Conservancy now owns the property and the township has signed an agreement to purchase the property within three years.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner Cassin said he has a study session ready for an upcoming meeting. Planner Cassin will bring copies of site plans to go over legends, scales, and typical site design standards. That will be held in March if there is no business to be held.

11. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

The ZBA will be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Supervisor Ruemenapp reported that property has been purchased on Gratiot and the owner will likely put in a store for rental equipment. Land fill rates are going up \$6 a ton. Estimate is the average household puts out a ton of garbage annually. Pipeline dinner is coming up. A marijuana workshop will be held in the near future. The current posture of the township is to wait for further information before any action will be taken on this subject. The gentleman from Long Propane has hired someone for demolition and his plans are proceeding.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Pankiewicz, supported by Member Edwards to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Ayes: Members Keller, Edwards, Pankiewicz, Stevens, Robertson, Teltow, Goulston.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.  
Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Casco Township Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Casco Township Hall, 4512 Meldrum Road.

Joseph F. Stevens, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Christine Ruemenapp, Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_