

**Village of Pinckney
Planning Commission Meeting
March 3, 2008**

Call to Order: The meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Dan Krueger, Don Bego, Reed Starkey, Robert MacDonald, Allison Austin and Mike Gergel. Absent – Nancy Powell

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of February 4, 2008 Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Bego, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to approve the minutes as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Reports:

Chairperson: Chairperson Austin has spoken to Gaylord's family and there has not been any significant change in his condition. Also, Commissioner Powell anticipates being at the next Planning Commission meeting. She is doing very well.

In very sad news, The Village Clerk, Amy Felty's, husband, Leo was killed on Thursday in a work-related accident. An e-mail was sent out with details of the funeral services and things that can be done to help the family.

Secretary-Correspondence: Commissioner MacDonald handed out letters to each of the commissioners from the Huron River Watershed Council. They are having a meeting on March 13, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and all commissioners are invited to attend.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Martel stated Pirates Cove will not be on the April agenda, Century 21 may be on the agenda, and the public hearing regarding the zoning amendments will be on the agenda.

He added that the resident of 1018 East Unadilla Street will be submitting a rezoning request from R-3 to R-4. Her property was recently rezoned to R-3 and she would like to zoned back to R-4.

Livingston Planners: Mr. Barb was not present this evening.

Public Forum: The Public Forum was opened at 7:42 pm with no response.

Agenda

Zoning Amendments

Mr. Martel reviewed the changes he is proposing to make to the ordinance regarding outbuildings. He would like to have this added to the other amendments that will be set for a public hearing next month.

Moved by Commissioner Gergel, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, to recommend to the Village Council deleting the last sentence of Section 18.01 – Permits, Item A of the ordinance. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Master Plan

Mr. Paul Siersma from Carlisle Wortman showed the current future land use map for the Village. He asked commissioners for feedback on any changes they would like.

There was a discussion regarding the heavy industrial zoning on the south side of the Village. This area is currently not developed and due to the limited access to the area for commercial vehicles and the location of Pinckney, this does not seem like an appropriate location for this zoning.

With regard to the central business district, Chairperson Austin noted that there have been concerns that the future plan for this area is too large. The extension of it past M-36 (either north or south) is the issue. Mr. Siersma stated that developing full square blocks in a certain zoning district eliminates the corridor (i.e. M-36) from just being a strip of stores/businesses.

Ms. Siersma stated that the Village of Pinckney is working with Putnam Township to developing park and recreational areas. Those are not shown on this map, but will need to be included when the locations are determined.

He will take the information from tonight's discussion, revise the future land use map, and present it to the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

PC Officer Elections

Chairperson Austin noted that the Planning Commission must hold elections for officers for 2008. There is no term limit; however, elections need to be held every March. She added that she would like to relinquish her position as Chairperson.

Chairperson Austin **moved** to elect Commissioner Gergel to the position of Chairperson. Commissioner Gergel accepted the nomination, and Commissioner Bego seconded it. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Starkey **moved** to re-elect Commissioner MacDonald to the position of Secretary. Commissioner MacDonald accepted the nomination, and Commissioner Bego seconded it. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Planners

Chairperson Austin stated that the Planning Commission needs to recommend to the Village Council entering into a contract with a new planner or renewing the contract with Livingston Planners.

Commissioner Krueger noted that Livingston Planners was not very anxious to work with the Village on the revision of the Master Plan due to staffing levels, but he spoke to a representative from the firm and they feel they can meet the Village's planning needs.

Commissioner Starkey feels that Carlisle Wortman may be more committed to the Village. He does not feel the Village should renew the contract with Livingston Planners only because they are less expensive.

Commissioner MacDonald does figure in the cost factor when making a decision as he is a council member and works closely with the Village's budget.

Commissioner Bego would like to see Livingston Planners receive a renewed contract as they are familiar with the Village.

Moved by Commissioner Starkey, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, to recommend to the Village Council entering into a six-month trial contract with Carlisle Wortman. **The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.** Chairperson Austin asked for each Commissioner to express their reason for voting.

Commissioner Bego – he approves of the short trial period proposed.

Commissioner Gergel – He likes Carlisle Wortman's enthusiasm of working with the Village.

Commissioner Krueger – He likes Livingston Planners, but approves of the six-month trial period to evaluate between the two companies to make an informed decision.

Commissioner MacDonald – he agrees with Commissioner Krueger

Commissioner Starkey – he agrees as well. He would like to compare the cost and quality of the two.

Chairperson Austin – She believes that contracting with Carlisle Wortman may be worth the extra expense.

Public Forum: Chairperson Austin opened the Public Forum at 9:39 pm with no response.

Member Discussion:

There were no items for Member Discussion this evening.

Adjournment: Moved by Commissioner Gergel, seconded by Commissioner Bego, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**