

**Village of Pinckney
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes
July 7, 2008**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gergel at 7:35 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of June 2, 2008 Minutes:

Mr. Martel noted that the names of some of the residents who spoke at the public forum were incorrect. **Moved** by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to approve the minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

This prompted a discussion suggesting that members of the public that wish to speak should print their name on a sign-in sheet so the recording secretary can spell them correctly. All commissioners agreed. Commissioner MacDonald will make up this sheet.

Reports:

Chairperson: Chairman Gergel asked Mr. Siersma to give a summary of the status of the Master Plan during his report.

Also, Patty Thomas will not be at the August meeting. It was proposed to have the meeting audio recorded and Patty will transcribe the minutes from the tape.

Secretary-Correspondence: Commissioner MacDonald stated he has not heard anything further from the Township regarding the Village of Pinckney helping them with their Master Plan.

The Village Council approved the preliminary site plan for Pirates Cove with conditions similar to what was recommended by the Planning Commission.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Martel stated that there are no items on the agenda for next month at this time. The Planning Commission can use this time to clean up any zoning ordinance issues, etc.

Carlisle/Wortman: Mr. Siersma stated the Village is at the end of the budget amount for this project. Carlisle/Wortman will not be requesting further funds from the Village, but they will finish the Master Plan update. He distributed some additional chapters to the commissioners to review and discuss at next month's meeting. He would like to have the document to the Village Council in September, then send it to Putnam Township and the County for their review, then a public hearing can be held, and then it can be approved and implemented.

Public Forum: The Public Forum was opened at 7:48 p.m. with no response.

Agenda

- Changes in Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. PA 110, PA 12 2008, and Michigan Planning Enabling Act PA 33 of 2008.

Mr. Siersma stated he is not sure if the current zoning ordinance that is on file has all of the updated amendments included. Due to the changes to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, he needs to ensure that the Village's ordinance is in compliance with these changes.

Also, there are changes to the Michigan Planning Enabling Act that will become effective in September 2008. He will need to make some changes to the Planning Commission bi-laws and all of the changes that are made to the Master Plan will need to be in compliance with the new act.

Public Forum: The Public Forum was opened at 7:57 p.m. with no response.

Member Discussion:

Commissioner MacDonald spoke to Nancy Powell's husband and she is not doing as well as they had expected and he did not feel comfortable asking him about Nancy's returning to the Planning Commission. He will contact him again and advise at the next meeting. He will also discuss this issue with the Council at their next meeting. It was also noted that if she does not return before her term is up, she may not be able to be reinstated.

Adjournment: Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**