

APPROVED 10/18/12

## MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

September 20, 2012 Clare County Court House, Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Room at 6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Rod Williams at 6:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was given

### ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Rod Williams, Jerry Bridges, Virginia  
Collins and Jerry Burger.

Absent: Roger Carey, Leonard Strouse and Lori Ware

### READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Jerry Burger to approve the minutes, supported by Virginia Collins. Motion  
Carried with 4-ayes / 0-nays.

### ADDITIONALS TO THE AGENDA:

Under "Old Business" add: b. Fracking  
c. ORV

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jerry Bridges to approve the agenda, supported by Virginia Collins. Motion  
Carried 4-ayes / 0-nays.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chairperson introduced Jenny Page<sup>et</sup> and Terry Collins.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- a. Rod Williams said, he had talked to Joel Johnson about our request for information on the Clare County Street Naming and Addressing Ordinance. Joel Johnson stated the State cannot do anything for the County in regards to enforcement of the Ordinance. This subject is therefore tabled indefinitely.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from the Dept of Agriculture concerning the Developmental Rights under the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974.
- b. Letter from Sheridan Township in regards to their adoption of Ordinance 3-12 covering Street Naming and Addressing in their Township. Their Ordinance 3-12 was approved on May 10, 2012.

- c. Notice was given by the Isabella County Community Development saying they are in the process of amending their 2008 Master Plan under P.A. 33.

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Master Plan  
Rod Williams explained that the information we need is not updated yet on the State Website. We had a short discussion on the subject. Virginia Collins is currently looking at the Isabella County Master Plan.
- b. Fracking  
We had a discussion on the Information Letter and Fact Sheet. Rod passed both to Lori Ware, so they could be downloaded to the Clare County Web Site. Jerry Burger asked Rod to have Lori mail a copy to each of the Townships in Clare county, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.
- c. ORV  
Jerry Burger said the County passed the changes to the ORV Ordinance at their meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. ORV's will be able to travel on all roads in Clare County with the adopted changes, after the changes have been published.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jerry Burger reported on the potential problems for elimination of Parks and Recreation. He said that some of the Board members wanted to keep Parks and Recreation. We had a discussion of the impact it would have in Clare County, if Parks and Recreation were eliminated. Rod Williams stated the elimination of Parks and Recreation would also have an impact on the Master Plan and certainly on tourism in the County.  
  
Motion by Rod Williams to write a letter of support to keep Parks and Recreation, supported by Virginia Collins. Motion passed 4-ayes / 0-nays.
- b. Rod read a resignation letter from Dr Raymond Augenstein. The letter was sent to Don David.  
  
The Planning Commission will need a replacement to fill the vacancy created by this resignation. Jennie Page<sup>5</sup> expressed interest in filling the vacancy. Rod instructed her to fill out a letter of interest and an application and return them to the Planning Commission. She stated she would do that.

## REPORTS

- a. East Michigan Council of Governments- None
- b. Soil Conservation-- Rod gave a report from Kristina Noble. She stated they have been busy this summer with larger projects that needed monitoring. There was a list of permits issued for the months of June, July and August.
- c. Clare County Community Development-- None
- d. Parks and Recreation-- This subject was addressed under "New Business" above.