

MACKINAC COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: December 6th, 2017 Mackinac County Airport, St. Ignace, Mi. 49719

Attendees: Dean Reid Chairman, Diane Patrick, Laurie Collier, Steve Christiansen, Jerry Garries, Walt Wilhide Secretary.

Potential new member: Edwina Taylor of Birchwood Hotel

Guest: None

Call to Order: Chairman Reid called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Review/Approval of minutes: Of October 4th, 2017. **Motioned made by Steve to approve the minutes, Seconded by Laurie. All Ayes. Motioned carried.**

Additions to the agenda: Walt made a motion to add his meeting with Senator Schmidt concerning State bills S5099 and S329. **Motioned made by Jerry to approve additions, Seconded by Diane. All Ayes. Motioned carried.**

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- a. AT&T Tower in Naubinway-Chairman Reid stated that the Consulting firm doing the work would contact the Soo Band of Indians for further concerns. The Mackinac County Planning Commission has no concerns for them to do the work.
- b. Chairman Reid read the Labor Day Walk Resolution we submitted to the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The Manager of the Grand Hotel was against moving it to Sunday. Discussion followed on why the Ferry services are not getting into this for transporting walkers to their destinations, could be a good profit for them.

New Business:

- a. Potential member- Edwina Taylor gave a brief description of her business experience of 9 years at the Birchwood Hotel in St. Ignace and interest in "open spots". **Motioned was made to table appointment awaiting her resume for review. All Ayes. Motioned carried.**
- b. Mackinac City Master Plan Review
Steve mentioned that the colors in the maps are a little tough to figure out and some they did not fix, also thought that the economic plan (chapter 8) was too confusing, Laurie agreed.

Laurie discussed the implementation table/goals and think they should have a high-med-low priority vice all of high importance.

Chairman Reid also discussed chapter 8 as to the eco developments and to look at the ports of the Straights. We should also look at other ports/neighbors such as Mac. City, Mac. Island and

get them all onboard to share marketing ideas. Diane stated that 10 years ago they made a suggestion for promoting "Ports of Michigan" plan to St. Ignace but never went anywhere. Laurie brought up the fact that as far as Cruise ships go St. Ignace is not a really attractive atmosphere to go to, we need to get some sort of package deal where visitors could go all over the U.P. when in port.

Chairman Reid-mentioned that they need more information on their school system 2018-2020 was very light on information and the rentals need to have a plan for zoning ordinances. We will send recommendations to Mackinac City.

Updates: Any other business: Walt discussed Senate Bills S5099 and S329.

Next Meeting: January 3rd, 2017

Meeting Adjournment: 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Walt Wilhide