

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (GTCPC)

November 21, 2017

Chair Cockfield called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located in the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Albers, Jeff Cockfield, Bob Fudge, Jennifer Hodges, Joe Lawrence, John Nelson

EXCUSED: Sarna Salzman

ABSENT: Ron Clous, Sue Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: John Sych

OPENING CEREMONIES AND EXERCISES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nelson requested adding the East-West Corridor Study to the agenda for discussion by the Planning Commission. Moved by Fudge, seconded by Albers to approve the November 21, 2017 GTCPC Agenda and add the East-West Corridor Study as the second item (8.b) under New Business. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL

- a. October 17, 2017 GTCPC Meeting Minutes

RECEIVE AND FILE

- b. Director's Report
- c. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of October 18 and November 1, 2017
- d. Road Commission November 2017 Report to the Board of Commissioners

Moved by Albers, seconded by Nelson to approve the Consent Calendar. Approved unanimously.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Antrim County Master Plan Review

Sych presented an overview of the new update to the Antrim County Master Plan. Moved by Fudge, seconded by Albers that the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission considers the proposed Antrim County Master Plan to be consistent with the master plans of adjacent municipalities and the Grand Traverse County Master Plan including the following comments for consideration: Promote low impact design (LID) stormwater techniques in the Protect Water section of Page 61, mention lakes in the introductory paragraph in the Protect Water section of Page 61, and include providing education on LID stormwater techniques in One to Four Years section of Page 18. Approved unanimously.

East-West Corridor Study

The East-West Corridor Study is being initiated by the Grand Traverse County Road Commission. They will be contracting with OHM to conduct the Study. Several Planning Commissioners indicated interest in supporting and assisting the study. Moved by Fudge, seconded by Lawrence to direct Chair Cockfield to send a letter of support and interest from the County Planning Commission to the County Road Commission offering assistance to identify and engage stakeholders and the public, to weigh in on ramifications of land use on transportation facilities, and to request the scope of work for the project. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) Workshop Recap

Sych reported that 26 people attended the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) Workshop on October 19. Half of the communities in the County were represented. Staff will be following up with communities to provide assistance in developing their capital improvement programs. In part because of the success of the workshop, the State Energy Office is considering providing additional workshops in the area in 2018. .

Annual Awards Banquet Recap

An overview was provided by Sych on the events for this year's Planning Awards banquet co-sponsored by the County Planning Commission and County Chapter of Michigan Townships Association.

Nominating Committee

Sych noted that the Nominating Committee consisting of the Chair, Board Rep, and TCAPS Rep will be meeting before the regular December meeting of the Planning Commission to provide a slate of nominations for officers.

Planning Commissioner Terms

The terms provided in the packet are for information only. No action is required. Sych noted that two Planning Commissioners, Albers and Salzman, are up for consideration for re-appointment.

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Albers reported on the tree removal at the Civic Center for the Consumers Energy improvement project, the Easling pool fundraising effort

has achieved a quarter of its \$650,000 goal for pool improvements, and Parks and Recreation fees were recently increased by 4%.

- b. TCAPS – No report.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Joe Lawrence, Secretary