



Washtenaw County Department of Planning & Environment

Planning Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Monday, December 19, 2005

Members Present

Bobrin, Brackenbury, Dries, Gray, Kelly, Knol, Lewis, Meyer, Smith, Solowczuk, Walz

Members Absent

Williams

Staff Present

Denig, Kaplan, Ross, VanDerworp

Call to Order and Roll Call

Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Gray motioned for approval of the November 28, 2005 minutes, Lewis supported. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Approval of Agenda

Bobrin motioned for approval of the agenda with the addition of an item, Smith supported. All in favor, the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Alice Ralph thanked the PAB for their support with the Gordon Hall project.

Report of the Chair –There was no Report of the Chair

Old Business

The Gordon Hall project was acknowledged. Letter of commendation from PAB was approved with corrections.

New Business

Superior Township Master Plan Amendment

Deborah Kuehn presented proposed amendments on the “Mixture of Urban Residential Development” at Geddes and LeForge Roads, and “Areas of Special Study Proposed for Permanently Preserved Farmland and/or Conservation Land” on Prospect between Geddes and Cherry Hill Roads.

VanDerworp presented a revised staff recommendation on the proposal. While the amendment regarding Conservation Land is consistent with the County Plan, the amendment on the Mixture of Urban Residential Development is inconsistent with the County Plan. VanDerworp engaged the board on a discussion on whether to include recommendations to Superior Township that would make their proposal consistent with the County Plan or to deem it inconsistent without comments. A motion was made by Gray to declare the amendment inconsistent with the county Plan, Solowczuk supported.

A vote was taken and it was decided (8 to 3) to submit staff recommendation for the Mixture of Urban and Residential Development as inconsistent with the County Plan without comments. Voting results are as follows:

In Favor:

Bobrin, Dries, Gray, Lewis, Knol, Meyer, Solowczuk, Walz

Against:

Kelly, Brackenbury, Smith

Absent:

Williams

Bridgewater Village – Office of the Drain Commissioner’s Full Faith and Credit Review

Bobrin presented proposal to PAB on the approval of the County’s limited full faith and credit for payment of bonds for the Bridgewater Village Tile Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.00. The proposal addresses rebuilding the old drain due to concerns with flooding, and adding an additional branch to the drain. Bobrin met with Neil Sheep of Bridgewater Township and it was determined that the community is in need of funds. Another public meeting will be held in six weeks with Saline, Freedom and Bridgewater Townships. Further discussion is needed on the community payment for the storm sewer.

The proposal is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.

Smith motioned to support staff recommendations, Walz supported. Motion approved

Other Items for Discussion – There were no additional items up for discussion.

Committee Reports - Nominating Committee

New PAB member nominations will be brought to the January meeting and voted on at that time.

Report of the Director of Planning and Environment

Tony VanDerworp invited everyone to enjoy cake, celebrating a productive year.

Adjourn

Smith motioned for adjournment, supported by Solowczuk. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at 705 N. Zeeb Road, **MSU lower level Conference Room.**