



**Washtenaw County
Office of Strategic Planning**

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2009**

Members Present

Bobrin, Blistein, Dopkowski, Gray, Kelly, Lewis, Pratt, Smith, Solowczuk, Walz

Members Absent

Bergman (excused), Blackmore (excused), Callan (excused), Godek (excused), Nystrom (excused), Schwartz (excused)

Staff Present

Brinkman, Dale

Guests Present

None

Call to Order and Roll Call

Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Roll Call was taken; since there was no quorum the presentation on TDR was moved to be the first item of business. A quorum was established at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

After the TDR Resource Paper presentation, Solowczuk moved to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting, Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Solowczuk moved that the agenda be approved as presented, Kelly seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment – none

Report of the Chair – none

Old Business – none

New Business

TDR Resource Paper Presentation

Terry Brinkman and Anya Dale presented Model Open Space PUD with Enhanced Development Master Plan and Ordinance Language. Model Language was presented as a tool for maintaining the viability of Washtenaw County's agricultural sector as well as to protect natural resources in the County. TDR programs provide a market-based and market-financed tool to accomplish these land protection and natural resources protection goals. The Resource Paper will be finalized and posted on the Planning Toolkit website for local community use.

After this presentation, a quorum was present at 6:40 p.m. The minutes from the May 18, 2009 PAB Meeting and the meeting agenda were approved.

Pittsfield Township – Lake Forest Highlands Drain Project, Office of Water Resource Commissioner’s Full Faith and Credit Review: Kelly moved to support the application, seconded by Pratt and the motion carried.

P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement Applications:

- Northfield Township 116-PAB-864-2009 (Niles Farm): Solowczuk moved to support the application, seconded by Walz and the motion carried.
- Ypsilanti Township 116-PAB-865-2009 (Pinter Greenhouse Operation): Walz recommended updating the report to reflect that the property was not served by public sanitary sewer. Solowczuk moved to support the application, seconded by Kelly and the motion carried with 6 yeas and 2 nays (Smith, Blistein)

Report of the Director of Community Planning

Brinkman gave the report on behalf of the Director. The County Comprehensive Plan update is on hold until details of the budget and available resources have been determined. In the mean time, staff has worked on components of the update. The PAB workshop has also been temporarily placed on hold until resource availability is determined. Also, the Planning team is working on developing a conservation strategy that will detail the use of the funds that will be received from the U.S. Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

Other Items for Discussion

Regional Group and Outside Agency Updates

Kelly reported that CAPT/DART has been working on both opportunities for shared fire services, as well as a project with a LIAA grant to look at regional opportunities.

Lewis reported that the local governments involved in SWWCOG are working on budgets, and that Bridgewater Township has been dealing with issues of wetland development.

Pratt noted that the most recent WMA meeting was cancelled.

Walz reported that the Board of Public Works had a successful clean up day.

Gray reported that the first Native American Trail marker will be dedicated on June 28 at Parker Mills.

Public Policy News

Conan reported that it is the 90th anniversary of the Michigan State Parks, and that everyone should go out and make use of them!

Committee Reports – none

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

Solowczuk moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. and Dopkowski supported, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the **Annex Large Conference Room**.