



Washtenaw County
Department of Planning & Environment

Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2008

Members Present

Blackmore, Bobrin, Dopkowski, Gartin, Gray, Grewal, Kelly, Lewis, Lovejoy Roe, Meyer, Pratt, Solowczuk, Walz, Williams

Members Absent

Blackmore (excused), Blistein (excused), Callan (excused), Smith

Staff Present

Bedogne (Drain office), Dale, Denig, Kowalski, Lenart

Guests Present

None

Call to Order and Roll Call

Grewal called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll Call was taken and quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

Lovejoy Roe moved to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2008 meeting, Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Solowczuk moved to approve the agenda, Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment – none

Report of the Chair – none

Old Business

Corporation Counsel Opinion on Parks and Recreation Commission representative

PAB members reviewed the official opinion from Corporation Counsel; Gray asked what the maximum number of BOC members to serve on WCPARC is, and Grewal replied that the maximum is 3 regardless of whether the BOC member is designated as representing the BOC or any other organization.

New Business

Presentation on Build-Out Analysis Tool for Local Governments

Anya Dale of Planning Services and Tony Bedogne of the Drain Commissioner's Office gave a presentation on how they updated the build-out analysis originally created in 2002, creating a more dynamic document that performs a more accurate analysis. PAB members indicated that they were excited about the new tool and that their local governments would be interested in using it.

P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement Applications

Augusta Township 116-PAB-850-2008 (Talladay Farm)

Denig stated that this application is consistent with plans at the local and county level, and that staff recommends approval. Solowczuk moved that this application be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval, Lovejoy Roe seconded and the motion carried.

Augusta Township 116-PAB-851-2008 (Schultz Farm)

Denig reported that this is a 75.2 acre parcel that is consistent with agricultural and land use. She also stated that this application is consistent with plans at the local and county level, and that staff recommends approval. Kelly moved that this application be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval, Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

Lima Township 116-PAB-852-2008 (Knepper Farm)

Denig reported that this is a 20 acre farm with 8 buildings on it, and that it is consistent with land use/zoning, is not likely to be added to a sewer system, and that staff recommends approval. Lewis moved that this application be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval, Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP) Applications from WCPARC

Scio Township – N-18 through 21-2008

Denig noted that NAPPS are required when the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) purchases land for permanent conservation. The first NAPP application includes four parcels, all of which are adjacent to one another and include 94 acres in total. There will be no impact on natural resources and this is complementary to adjacent properties. Staff recommends that the PAB recommend that WCPARC purchase the property. Kelly moved that the parcels be recommended for approval to WCPARC, Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Ann Arbor Township – N-22-2008

Denig noted that this is a 7.3 acre parcel that is consistent with the recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan and complementary to adjacent properties. Staff recommends that the PAB recommend that WCPARC purchase the property. Lewis moved that the parcels be recommended for approval to WCPARC, Solowczuk seconded and the motion carried.

Webster Township – N-23-2008

Denig noted that this is a 55 acre site that is consistent with long range planning goals in rural residential areas, and staff recommends that the PAB recommend that WCPARC purchase the property. Solowczuk moved that the parcels be recommended for approval to WCPARC, Kelly seconded and the motion carried.

June Retreat

Denig noted that no one proposed date in June would work for every PAB member, and after discussion it was decided that August would be a better month for the retreat. Denig will try to find possible dates in mid-August and will ask for PAB input.

Report of the Director of Planning Services – Patricia Denig

Denig noted that the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission has been working on a flowchart to outline the way they put together their Joint Planning Commission, in hopes that it can be used as a guide in other areas of the county. Additionally, a public hearing on the Conant Farm will be on May 21. PAB members also noted that they would like to receive e-mail notifications of planning-related workshops and events when they are received by staff.

Other Items for Discussion

Regional Group and Outside Agency Updates

The Board of Public Works and Saline Sustainability Circle will meet next Wednesday, and CAPT/DART has a meeting tonight. Dopkowski announced that MORE will not be meeting until Thursday, and that Terry Brinkman will be giving a presentation on the new Consolidated Planning Act.

Lewis noted that SWWCOG has been reduced to a half-hour of each meeting, and that the group is focusing more on MCJPC items at this time. There will be a big meeting on June 11 with all of the Boards and Planning Commissions for the participatory municipalities at Freedom Township Hall. Because of that meeting, SWWCOG will not meet in June. Additionally, Rich Jones is the new Sharon Township supervisor.

Gray reported that the WCHDC is trying to give presentations on what they do to each Township board in the County. This will be going on over the next several months.

Public Policy News

None

Committee Reports

Annual LUG Workshop

The workshop will be held in October. Walz and Williams volunteered to be on the subcommittee, and Lovejoy Roe volunteered to participate in a consultant role. Denig also stated that she would ask the members who were not at this meeting.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

Lovejoy Roe moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the **MSUE lower level Conference Room**.