

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (GTCPC)

January 17, 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, Ron Clous, Jeff Cockfield, Bob Fudge and Sarna Salzman

EXCUSED: Joe Lawrence

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Carmoney and John Sych

OPENING CEREMONIES AND EXERCISES

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Albers, seconded by Clous to approve the January 17, 2017 GTCPC Agenda as presented. **Approved unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL

a. December 20, 2016 GTCPC Meeting Minutes

RECEIVE AND FILE

b. Director's Report

c. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of December 14 and December 21, 2016 and January 4, 2017

d. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2016

e. Road Commission's December Report to the Board of Commissioners

ACTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 6b removed by Albers

Moved by Fudge, seconded by Salzman to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. **Approved unanimously.**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6b, Director's Report. Sych provided a revised table highlighting Grand Traverse County's projected growth and demographic trends. Discussion relative to supporting the strategy outlined in the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Executive Summary.

Moved by Albers, seconded by Fudge to receive and file the Director's Report.
Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Green Lake Township Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment ZA 16-02

Sych provided an overview of the amendment as outlined and answered Commissioners' questions.

Moved by Albers, seconded by Salzman that in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act and having considered neighboring zoning and the County Master Plan, the County Planning Commission concurs with the Township Planning Commission's proposed action.
Approved unanimously.

Kalkaska County Master Plan Review

Sych provided an overview of the Plan as outlined and answered Commissioners' questions. Discussion relative to the County's development strategy.

Moved by Fudge, seconded by Clous that the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission considers the proposed master plan to be consistent with the master plans of adjacent municipalities and the County master plan. **Approved unanimously.**

County Master Plan Update

Sych provided an overview of the master plan process as outlined and answered Commissioners' questions. The Commissioners concurred with the staff recommendation to engage other private, non-profit and government entities during the upcoming County master plan review process. Suggestion was made to review focus areas.

Approval of 2017 Meeting Dates

Moved by Fudge, seconded by Albers to approve the 2017 meeting schedule as presented.
Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

County Planning Commission Policy Amendment

Sych reviewed the proposed changes to the Review Policy and answered Commissioners' questions. Suggestion was made that staff continue to review minor zoning amendments to keep abreast of local activity. Sych is working with Administration to fill the three vacancies on the GTCPC.

Moved by Albers, seconded by Fudge to approve the revised Planning Commission Review Policy. **Approved unanimously.**

COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Albers had no report, but reminded the Chair that a vote should be taken to determine the GTCPC representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Fudge to nominate Albers as the County Planning Commission representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission until such time as Cockfield’s winter commitment ends. **Approved unanimously.**

- b. TCAPS – None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Joe Lawrence, Secretary