

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024, AT THE LEELANAU COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.**

**Proceedings of the meeting were recorded and are not the official record of the meeting. The formally approved written copy of the minutes will be the official record of the meeting.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Yoder who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held at the Leelanau County Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Dr., Suttons Bay, MI.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** M. Black, C. Brown, F. Criqui, B. Fenlon, M. Lautner, T. MacDonald, R. Miller, T. Nixon, S. Yoder

**Members Absent:** R. Brush, C. Noonan

**Staff Present:** G. Myer, Planning Director, J. Herman, Senior Planner

**Public Present:** None

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Nixon, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 9-0.*

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST-** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**STAFF COMMENTS-** None.

**CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Fenlon, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 9-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS-** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Leelanau General Plan

Yoder said there is a five-year plan review checklist for the Leelanau General Plan. Myer stated that the Leelanau General Plan was last adopted in 2019. Yoder pointed out that the checklist has twelve steps to go through if they decide there needs to be changes made to the Leelanau General Plan. Myer said based on prior minutes she reviewed, there was a separate committee that was formed which met prior to the

LCPC meeting. Members that volunteered to be on the committee were; Black, Brown, Criqui, MacDonald, and Miller. Nixon volunteered as an alternate if needed.

***Motion by Nixon, seconded by Miller, to appoint a five-member General Plan Committee consisting of Black, Brown, Criqui, MacDonald, and Miller.***

Miller requested staff send the current plan to members of the committee to prepare for the first meeting. Staff will notify members and provide meeting agenda materials prior to the meeting.

***Motion on the table carried 9-0.***

#### Member Terms Expiring

Yoder stated that the three members with expiring terms at the end of this year are Black, Noonan and himself. He said the general rule of thumb is a member can only serve three terms but it is not a statute. Yoder is the only member that has served three terms and mentioned that the Board of Commissioners (BOC) have extended terms in the past. Myer said the Administrative Office had received two applications but neither were interested in serving on the LCPC and the deadline for applications is November 1. Black would like to be reappointed and staff will reach out to Noonan for reappointment.

#### **REPORTS**

##### Housing Action Committee

Myer said the Housing Summit is this Thursday and Friday at the Hagerty Center.

##### Parks & Recreation Committee

Lautner said they did not meet in October but there was action outside of procedure by the BOC to accept free trees through the ReLeaf Michigan Program Grant for Veronica Valley Park. The project will be done in the spring through DTE Energy. She also stated that the County has hired a new Facilities Manager to oversee the park complexes.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Myer said Black, Herman and herself attended the 2024 Planning Michigan Conference in Grand Rapids last month. Herman has put together a summary on various sessions they attended.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None.

**STAFF COMMENTS-** None.

#### **COMMISSIONER & CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS**

Yoder asked members for feedback on the Annual Planning Session. Black had unanswered questions as he was interested in knowing what the cost factor is for installation and what the life expectancy would be. He was also interested in knowing how solar energy is impacted in the winter months. Nixon said the Suttons Bay Planning Commission Chairman, Tom Koernke, attended the session and made comments that it was a good presentation and that it was focused on changes to the state law instead of

small/residential installments. He was pleased to hear that Leelanau County is not a recipient for a plan and/or destination for solar or wind projects. Brown said there are not many places in Leelanau County that are desirable areas but he suggested Kasson Township as a good candidate because they have several gravel pits. Fenlon suggested that next year's topic could focus more on the cost analysis on renewable energy. Nixon suggested they also discuss how renewable energy could benefit farmers and reach out to Cornell University for more information on their study. All members had hoped to have had a larger crowd in attendance, it is still a big topic.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:05 p.m.

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