

**MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.  
#3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Administrative Building  
211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Members Present:                   Darin Dood  
  Chuck Hill  
  Jakob Bigard  
  Lonnie Smith  
  Mike Falcon  
  Chris Mark  
  Daniel Brant-arrived at 3:41 p.m.

Members Absent:                   John Johansen  
  Adam Petersen

Others Present                    Michelle Becker  
  Brenda Taeter  
  Elisabeth Waldon

Chuck Hill called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Public comments were offered; none were given.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Jakob Bigard, to approve the minutes as presented from July 17, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Falcon, supported by Lonnie Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary & Training Reports –No reports were given.

Old Business – The committee continued discussion of the future of the Planning Commission. Darin and Chuck met and reviewed the current bylaws; Darin provided a draft of the updated bylaws where the words “Economic Development” replaced “Planning Commission” and language regarding zoning has been removed. Darin also mentioned changes with membership and representatives from nine members down to seven member. Darin will emailing everyone the draft and would like feedback from everyone to prepare another draft for the next meeting.

Members took a moment to meet the newest member of the Planning Commission Mike Falcon, Village of Howard City manager. Members introduced themselves and brought Mike up to speed with the current issues of the Planning Commission.

The committee discussed the General Plan update, and some felt it was still important; Dave Bee has offered to lead the meeting or public input session and Mike Scott is willing to assist with updating the plan. The committee suggested passing a resolution to allow for additional time to either update the current plan or restructure by August of 2024.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Lonnie Smith, to pass a resolution to extend the general plan update until August of 2024. Motion carried.

New Business: Planning Commission attendance. Attendance has been sparse and it is in the best interest of all involved to attend regularly: it was suggested that remote meeting be a consideration in the future.

Public comments were offered, none were given.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Motioned by Darin Dood, supported by Lonnie Smith, to adjourn at 4:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Dood

Darin Dood, Secretary