

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**APPROVED – October 17, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, Michigan**

<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>		
<b>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>JEANNE CLUM BILL ANDERSON JIM SPARKS</b>	<b>MATT IKLE LAURA ABRAMSON CLAIRE STEVENS</b>
<b>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:</b>	<b>BRIAN PROKUDA</b>	
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	<b>KATHLEEN KLINE-HUDSON ROB STANFORD</b>	<b>SCOTT BARB</b>
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>KATE DEROSIER CAROLE GANNON TERRY GANNON RON KARDOS STEVE SINKOVICH</b>	<b>MARY ZUCCHERO NEIL GLAZEBROOK SARAH LAGPACAN MARK MEISEL BRUCE POWELSON WHMI</b>

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Clum at 6:31 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA:**

**Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA DATED OCTOBER 17, 2018, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER IKLE.**

**All in favor, motion passed.**

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Kate DeRosier, resident, Hartland Township, and member of Crossroads Sierra Club, expressed her appreciation for how County Planning Staff responded positively to the public’s review and comments during the Plan development process. She also wanted to make sure that County Planning Staff and the public are aware that the Sierra Club is very interested in conserving rural nature and recreational opportunities in the County.

**5. LIVINGSTON COUNTY MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION:**

Director Kline-Hudson presented a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the process of developing and completing the new County Master and briefly described how it is intended to be used and how the document works online.

The online Plan was also briefly demonstrated during this presentation.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LIVINGSTON COUNTY MASTER PLAN:

Mr. Steve Sinkovich, resident, Hartland Township, wondered if there was anyway the County could obtain and disseminate information related to on-going development projects throughout the County, by local communities. Commissioner Clum suggested he contact the Livingston County Realtors Association, or local governments. Director Kline-Hudson stated that the County Board of Commissioners presents an annual State of the County Address and in their address they report on planned and proposed major development projects, by Commissioner District. This document is available online at livgov.com.

Kate DeRosier, resident, Hartland Township, and member of Crossroads Sierra Club, asked if the chart of public comments could be made public or if it is an internal document. Director Kline-Hudson stated that it contains personal e-mail addresses as well as mailing addresses.

Mary Zucchero, resident, Oakland County, and Executive Director of the Livingston County Convention and Visitors Bureau, felt the Plan was very comprehensive and well done. She especially liked the Economic Development and Placemaking section.

Mr. Steve Sinkovich, resident, Hartland Township, asked if the County Planning Department had received any comments from the State of Michigan on the county master plan. Staff replied that they had not.

Mark Meisel, Tyrone Township Planning Commission Chair and resident, provided a series of comments regarding the Master Plan for consideration on behalf of the Tyrone Township Planning Commission, as follows (Commissioner Clum requested that these be read into the minutes):

1. On page Livingston County Master Plan 3, we note the Tyrone Township Board approved a Livingston Country Hazard Mitigation Plan during their 7/17/18 meeting.
2. Page 26, item #6: The location referenced is incorrect. Commercial development is located on the west side of Old US-23.
3. Page 26, item #7: It should be noted Cider Mill Crossings exists as a result of a consent judgement, not the result of poor planning.
4. Page 20: Referencing the text "Each Opportunity and Constraint is numerical and relates to a "Map # number". Using "#" and "number" is redundant.
5. Page 41: Consistent with 1 above, "Planned industrial and commercial development in Tyrone Township along the east side of US-23.(NE Quad)", east should read west.
6. Page 202: The Runyan Lake level control, managed by the LCDC by court order, is missing.
7. We did not find mention of the Deerfield Township park (Deerfield Hills Nature Area).

We otherwise find the plan well written and presented.

## 7. COMMISSIONERS HEARD and CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Clum stated that she was amazed at the undertaking of this project by a three-person County Planning Staff. She felt Staff did a tremendous job at developing a great "how-to" online product that our local communities will be able to refer to and use in their own communities for many years to come. Commissioner Stevens expressed her appreciation for staff's acknowledgement of public comments during the review and comment period. Commissioner Anderson added that the Master Plan will be easy to update due to the hard work that went into the draft. Commissioners Abramson and Ikle expressed their appreciation for the new technology that went into the creation of the plan and that web links will keep the document usable. Commissioner Sparks echoed the sentiments of all other Commissioners.

Mr. Steve Sinkovich, resident, Hartland Township noted that it is rare to see a community work together so well.

**8. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Commissioner Action: IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER IKLE TO CLOSE THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON.**

**All in favor, motion passed.**