

CASS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of September 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Cook at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Anderson, Barbara Cook, Gwenn Johnson, David Kring, Tom Swartz, and Bill Zuhl

Members Absent: Annie File, David Fleming and Roseann Marchetti

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Tom Swartz to approve the Agenda for the Meeting of August 24, 2016, as distributed. The motion was seconded by Andy Anderson and with all in favor that motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Gwen Johnson to approve the August 24, 2016 Minutes as distributed. The motion seconded by David Kring and with all in favor that motion carried.

New Business:

*Porter Township – P.A. 116 (White)
David Kring moved that the White P.A. 116 application be approved by the CCPC. His motion included a recognition that Porter Township clearly has the right to limit the number of years for any individual Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program agreement. The Kring motion suggested that given the complexities of compiling an application, Porter Township might consider a longer minimum period than the current ten-year lifetime for the agreement, such as a 20-year lifetime that is in use*

by some other Cass County Townships. The motion seconded by Tom Swartz and with all in favor that motion carried.

Howard Township – P.A. 116 (Poehlman) – 13 parcels

It was moved by Gwen Johnson that the 13 parcels be combined and that the 13 Poehlman applications be approve by the CCPC. That motion was seconded by David Kring and with all in favor that motion carried.

Pokagon Township – P.A. 116 (Guse)

Andy Anderson moved that the Guse application be approved by the CCPC. That motion was seconded by Bill Zuhl and with all in favor that motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the County Building, Kincheloe Room

Respectfully Submitted,
TR Swartz, Secretary Pro Tem.