



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2016

Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

- Members Present:** Timothy Burns, At-Large; Nancy Hawley, At Large; Jennifer Morris, At Large; Jared Vickers, At Large; Ted Hilleary, Education; Amy Torres, Industry and Economics; and Carl Rice, Jr., Jackson Co. Board of Commissioners
- Members Absent:** Jim Videto, Agriculture
- Liaisons Present:** Grant Bauman, R2PC Principal Planner, and Aaron Dawson, R2PC Senior Planner
- Others Present:** None

- Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Torres. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 2. **Public Comment.** None.
- Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Commissioner Hilleary, and seconded by Commissioner Rice, to **approve** the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Chairperson Torres notified the Commission that the election of officers needed to be added to the agenda under new business. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris, and seconded by Commissioner Hilleary, to **approve** the January 14, 2016, agenda as amended. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation**
- Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).** None.
 - Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.
 - Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s)**

FA #16-01 – Section 27 of Parma Township (T2S, R3W). Staff summarized its report regarding the proposed PA 116 Agreement for 20.39 acres of land located on the north side of Michigan Avenue and the east side of Callahan Road. The proposed term for the agreement is 10 years. The countywide future land use map places the property in an area recommended for “Agricultural Preservation”. However, there were several inconsistencies in the application (see staff report comments). A motion was made by Commissioner Morris, and seconded by Commissioner Burns, to recommend **approval** of the proposed PA 116 Application with staff comments. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 6. **Other Business**

a. **Unfinished Business.** None.

b. **New Business**

Election of Officers

Chairperson Torres called for the nomination of officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Hilleary, to **retain the current slate of officers** (i.e., Ms. Torres as Chairperson and Ms. Morris as Secretary). There were no other nominations. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Chairperson Torres accepted Commissioner Ripstra's resignation with regret. Staff was asked to begin the process for replacing the environmental representative on the Commission. Several environmental groups were suggested (i.e., Legacy Land Conservancy, Dahlem Center, Jackson County Conservation District, and Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)).

Item 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Torres at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary