

## County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Bill Bailey

*Jim Gurr, President*

Barbara Bradford

Jason Helwig

Dawn LaVanway

Gary Lockwood

Bruce Priemer

Rick Teague

Ron Tschudy

Minutes – November 3, 2020  
Hybrid: In-person/Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Jim Gurr, Gary Lockwood, Jason Helwig, Ron Tschudy, Barb Bradford, Bill Bailey, Rick Teague, Bruce Priemer, Dawn LaVanway

Members Absent: None

Staff and Others: Jeremy Scott, Peter Garwood

In compliance with MDHHS emergency health orders limiting the number of people inside public places, this meeting was held in a hybrid format utilizing a Zoom webinar for virtual attendance.

### **1. Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Jim Gurr**

The following members attended the meeting remotely:

- Bill Bailey (Central Lake)
- Ron Tschudy (Central Lake)
- Rick Teague (Bellaire)
- Dawn LaVanway (Echo Township)
- Jason Helwig (Mancelona)

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

As a member of the Helena Zoning Commission, Jim Gurr abstains from voting on the Helena Twp. Matter.

### **4. Public Comment**

None

### **5. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion by Bruce Priemer, seconded by Barb Bradford to approve the November 3, 2020 agenda as presented.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Absent None**

Corrections suggested by members include:

- Include last names under motion to approve minutes
- Fix last sentence grammar

**Motion by Bill Bailey, seconded by Bruce Priemer, to approve the minutes from October 6, 2020 as amended.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously**

**Absent None**

**6. Helena Township – Proposed Ordinance Changes**

Jim Gurr gave history of the Helena Township ordinance. The Planning Commission members discussed the issue.

**Motion by Gary Lockwood, seconded by Barb Bradford, that the Antrim County Planning Commission finds no inconsistency between the proposed amendments to the Helena Township Zoning Ordinance and the Antrim County Master Plan and recommends Helena Township approve the proposed amendments.**

**Motion Passes ~~Unanimously~~**

**Absent - None**

**Abstention - Gurr**

**7. Frederic Township (Crawford County) Master Plan Review – Information Only**

A short discussion ensued. Gary Lockwood, Barb Bradford, Ron Tschudy and Jim Gurr noted that that were impressed with the work done.

**8. Procedure Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Lockwood asked to see a list of the amendments to the rules made over the years or any other records about the subcommittee meeting. He also expressed wanting to simply clarify what the Planning Commission duties are and align the rules with that.

Ms. Bradford pointed out that there are several inconsistencies between “may” and “shall.” She also agreed with the sentiment that there needs to be clarity on the Planning Commission’s duties.

Mr. Tschudy asked if it was appropriate to send suggestions to the subcommittee. The members of the sub-committee agreed that it was.

Mr. Gurr recommended the rules now be reviewed on Odd numbered years and that all of the references to “shall” be changed to “may.”

Pete Garwood recommended that all Planning Commission members look over the documents and make recommended changes to the subcommittee.

**9. Various Matters**

**10. Member Comment**

None

**11. Public Comment**

None

*Meeting Adjourned at 6:56*