

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Dave McGrath.

**Members Present:** Grey, Tafreshi, Laraway, Preuss, and McGrath

**Members Absent:** Schofield and Dunn

The meeting Agenda was accepted without objection or modification.

Tafreshi noted a typo on page 2 of the Draft Minutes for the February meeting. A motion was made Preuss, seconded by Tafreshi, to approve the minutes of the February meeting as corrected. VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

**Reports:**

- Chairman – None
- Village Manager – Wolff reported to the Planning Commission on the status of plowing and winter road maintenance. He also discussed with the Planning Commission the data sent by Isabella County 9-1-1 on calls for service to Lake Isabella in 2016.
- Village Council - None

**Public Hearings:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Existing Business:**

1. Special Land Use Ordinance

The Planning Commission continued its review of the Village's Special Land Use procedures. There was discussion regarding what entity should be the final mechanism for approval (staff, Planning Commission, or Village Council). There was discussion about creating a separate SLU Review Board of a Planning Commission Member, Council Member, and Staff Member. That idea was not pursued as staff stated that MCL 125.3502 would prohibit such a board from approving SLUs.

The Planning Commission discussed created different classes of Special Land Uses which, in turn, would have a different approval process. Grey also requested that the Village pursue updating the regulations on windmills and solar facilities as part of this process.

The Planning Commission also discussed what uses were appropriate for the area around the airport, and whether to revisit the uses allowed around the airport as part of this ordinance.

Wolff stated that as part of the update to the SLU regulations, the Village will need to revisit the Site Plan approval process to make sure that the processes are harmonious with each other.

**New Business:**

1. Capital Improvement Plan Discussion

The Planning Commission reviewed the current Capital Improvement Plan as part of staff's preparation for developing the 2017-2018 Budget. Wolff discussed possibly changing the style of the document for the upcoming year to have a better visual tie-in to projects that are connected to the Village's Master Plan.

2. Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

The Planning Commission reviewed the information provided regarding the RRC program. Wolff stated that it was his opinion that the Village should become engaged in the program. In doing so, it would open the Village up to grant opportunities for not only development projects, but also developing economic development or marketing strategies for the community. Wolff asked the Planning Commission to review the material and consider adopting a motion at the April meeting recommending Village involvement to the Village Council.

**Public Comments:** None

With no further business, the Planning Commission stood in adjournment at 8:42 PM.

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Jeffrey P. Grey, Village Clerk