

**MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Mull at 8:08 p.m. with pledge allegiance to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jolea Mull, Laurie Fromhart, Pat Vaillencourt, Gina Lentz, Ron Mann, Deena McIntosh, Dale Weidmayer and Larry Lindeman.

Also present: Mark Roby, Melissa Milton-Pung, Brett Lenart, Andrea Bibby, Rich Jones, Peter Deloof, George Daubner, Sybil Kolon, Bill DeGroot, Bill Lewis, Bill Craigmile, Shirley Haeussler, Dan Schaible and Jeff Wallace.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mann seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mann moved to approve the September 10, 2008 meeting minutes. Vaillencourt seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

The following members were nominated for the positions of officers for the MCJPC:

Chair – Pat Vaillencourt

Vice Chair – Ron Mann

Secretary – Laurie Fromhart

Treasurer – Dale Weidmayer

Mull moved to approve all of the nominations presented. Mann seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

2. County Planning Changes

Roby informed the MCJPC the county is cutting back several positions due to budget constraints. The planning department staff will be reduced from 8 to 6 employees and integrated into a new department called strategic planning. Roby said he will be leaving the planning department in the middle of November and moving to the county's mental health department. Roby said he has a background in mental health and it has been a long term career goal of his to return to social work. Milton-Pung will be the lead person on the MCJPC project, and they have recruited an intern who is a semi-retired planner from Chelsea who wants to get back into the field. Roby stressed the county is committed to seeing this project through to completion.

3. Planning Process

Roby presented the first draft of the 2009 Manchester Area Master Plan. Roby said he thought it would be helpful for the MCJPC to have the whole picture of the master plan to look at, but still

continue to work on the plan by sections. Roby said this is still very much a work in progress but didn't want the MCJPC to get lost in various drafts. Roby noted the draft plan is a compilation of all the area's master plans and incorporates some of Frankenmuth's plan. Roby indicated the MCJPC will need to determine if the content of the categories are right and if they are current and pertinent to the Manchester area. Roby said one on the reasons for the draft plan is because he is leaving, and he felt he needed to discharge his responsibilities. **Vaillencourt moved to adopt a resolution thanking Mark Roby for his service and contributions. Mann seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.** Roby briefly presented the chapters of the draft plan and pointed out that the MCJPC needs to make sure there are no glaring omissions from all master plans. The MCJPC decided they would distribute the draft plan to all planning commissions but continue to review the plan chapter by chapter. Lenart recommended that very few items should be placed in the "parking lot".

4. Joint Planning Ordinance/Agreement

Roby said the MCJPC never finalized a joint planning agreement due to changing state laws. P.A. 33 of 2008 consolidated all planning acts. The Village and Township Boards need to adopt a joint planning ordinance and then execute a joint planning agreement. Roby suggested the MCJPC wait to execute such documents until the MCJPC knows whether or not Sharon Township plans to participate and become a member. Rich Jones said he would have an answer for the MCJPC in 30 days. Jesse O'Jack will draft all the necessary documents.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Feedback on Natural Resources Module

The MCJPC edited the draft of the Natural Features chapter. The MCJPC made changes to the text on pages 2, 4-8, and 10 and will revisit items #8 and #9 under Goal II on page 10. The MCJPC indicated the terms topography, woodlands, wetlands and floodplain need to be added to the definition section of the plan, and the terms environmental conservation zones, surface water and stream need to be defined. Lenart suggested text boxes as a side bar to define terms and provide a hyper-link to the glossary section. Roby said he will update the natural features chapter with the changes made tonight.

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Fromhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Mull seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.