

Casco Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

April 16th, 2025

6:00 PM

Casco Township Hall

Members Present: Andy **Litts**, Dan **Fleming**, Greg **Knisley**, Dian **Liepe**, Kelly **Hecker**

Members Absent: Ryan **Brush**

Audience: Julie **Cowie**, Mary **Campbell**

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman **Litts** 6:06PM

2. Review and approve agenda:

A motion was made by **Liepe** to approve the agenda, supported by **Fleming**. All in favor.
Motion carried.

3. Public comment:

Mary **Campbell** - 7174 Ferndell Ave recommended that the PC members attend the Allegan County Housing Summit on April 25th at the Griswold auditorium in Allegan MI.

Julie **Cowie** – 7376 101st Ave. also strongly urged the PC to attend the Housing Summit and suggested that the organizer of the event, Chris Klienjans, be invited to give a presentation at the next regular PC meeting, in May, regarding the housing shortage in the area.

Fleming commented that if zoning wasn't so restrictive this wouldn't be such a problem. **Litts** thought the presentation would be a good idea. **Campbell** stated that she would let Klienjans know that the PC would be receptive.

4. Correspondence –

E-mail from Dave **Campbell** Re: Latest census data below which shows 42% of Casco population is over 60 years of age.

E-mail from Mary **Campbell** Re: Housing Summit/Housing Stock and additional info on senior services, as requested at previous meeting.

E-mails from **Fleming** Re: Incentivizing the preservation of farmland, property rights and takings.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by **Fleming** to approve the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Supported by **Liepe**. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by **Fleming** to approve the March 26, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. Supported by **Liepe**. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearing – None

7. New Business – None

8. Old Business:

a. Continue update of Master Plan (MP)

Hecker provided a revised copy of the most updated Drafts of Sections 2, 3, and 4. The Planner is still working on Section 1, the maps, and the Goals and Objectives. **Litts** asked when the McKenna updates could be expected. **Smalley** responded that she thought they would be ready for the May meeting.

Updates to the Future Land Use (FLU) Map were discussed. The possibility of permitting additional uses in various districts was also discussed. **Litts** asked the PC members to drive the community and observe what areas are being used as and what that looks like. **Litts** would also like to have a discussion with South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority (SHAWSA) regarding the possibilities of expanding the municipal sewer and water availability.

9. Administrative reports:

Zoning Administrator – **Smalley** presented her March report.

Township Board Representative – **Fleming** reported that the Board voted to accept the \$200,000.00 Grant from the State of MI to help with renovations of the Casco Township Hall.

ZBA Representative – **Liepe** reported that there is a front yard setback variance request scheduled for their May 8 2025 meeting

10. Public comment:

Mary **Campbell** commented that she thought the PC had had a good discussion.

11. Adjourn 7:54 pm

Attachments: available upon request

Minutes prepared by:

Approved 5-21-2025

Jennifer Goodrich, Recording Secretary