

**WEXFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Recreation Plan Input Meeting (and Regular Meeting)
Wednesday February 13, 2013, 6:30 PM
Manton High School Library, 105 Fifth Street
Manton MI 49663**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Mix, Monroe, Stoutenburg, Mitchell, Wiggins, and Osborne were present. Michael Green, Zoning Administrator and Robert Scarbrough, Building Official was also present. Middaugh was absent.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion was made by Mix, with support by Monroe, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Approval of the January 9, 2013 Minutes:** Motion carried by Monroe, with support by Mix, to approve the January 9, 2013 Minutes as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.
5. **Correspondence [not related to public hearing(s)]:** *[None]*
6. **Other Business:** *[None]*
7. **County Recreation Plan Presentation:**
 - (a) **Overview of the Recreation Plan and Input Process:** Green provided a summary of the process and answered questions from the audience, as well as pointed out the availability of reference materials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding grant programs and plan submittal requirements.
 - (b) **Public Input Session:**
 - i. Robert Maccord, Chairperson of the Cedar Creek Township Planning Commission, spoke up about a multi-use trail the township would like to see developed between Cadillac and Manton. Green suggested that the downloading of Old US-131 to the Road Commission might open up the possibility of using excess right-of-way for a future trail.
 - ii. John Fuscone, Cedar Creek Township resident and Wexford County Commissioner, asked how the process works.
 - iii. Les Housler, Colfax Township resident and Wexford County Commissioner, asked if the Recreation Plan could include upgrades to the Wexford County Civic Center. Green stated that some projects may be eligible for funding.
 - (c) **Close Presentation and Collect Surveys/Maps**
8. **New Business:** Wexford County Commission members Les Housler, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Gideon Mitchell (also a Planning Commission member) were present to inform the Planning Commission that they will be considering the possibility of discontinuing County Zoning at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Much discussion was held and questions answered by Board of Commission members. Housler acknowledged that the decision is not yet final and is up for discussion. He added that if a decision was made to end County Zoning, it would likely be done over time so that townships would be prepared to start their own zoning programs beforehand.

9. **Public Comment:** *[None]*

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Green, Zoning Administrator

Paul Osborne, Chairperson