

**Gaines Township**  
**Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2014**

***Meeting brought to order:*** @ 7:30 pm.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Present:*** Tom Gotham, Bill Pittsley, Etter Deal, Randy Josey, Lee Purdy, & Dave Vuckovich

***Absent:*** Jerry McClure

***Motion by Purdy:*** supported by Deal, to approve the minutes as presented from the June 25, 2014 meeting. *Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.*

***Citizen Comments:*** None (Chief Schmitzer & Chief Miller in audience)

***Old Business:*** CIP budget adjustment – Fire Department presentation by Chief Bill Miller: \$66,491 – grant approved by FEMA, \$3,499 – from Township, a total of \$69,990 for turn-out gear. Chief Miller wants to push lockers up to 2014-15 fiscal year and use a portion of the grant. Wants the Planning Commission to recommend to the Township Board of Trustees, the purchase of lockers with some of the grant money.

***Motion by Pittsley:*** supported by Vuckovich, based on the FEMA Grant, move 2015 budget to 2015 for Fire Equipment (lockers, turn-out gear). *Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.*

***Master Plan Project:*** updated the 2010 Census with some corrections made. Presentation by Deputy Supervisor, Sherry Johnson, who insists that the updated Master Plan be proofread, as it is a working copy.

Discussion of Woods and Pool vs. Michigan Office of State Demography. The consensus is to go with State Demographer for statistical information and trends.

- Enlarge Table 18 to make it more legible
- Table 19, the 2014 Genesee County data is missing
- Chapter 4, USDA soil conservation total acreage
- Statistics for Table 20
- Chapter 6, only partially complete, with information to update

Software was leased instead of purchased; purchase price \$500.00, lease price \$349.00, lease monthly for \$19.99. PDF convertor software \$69.99.

Maps haven't been attempted yet.

Chapter 9 – Goals & Objectives, is the Master Plan. Other chapters support Chapter 9. If Chapter 9 is altered there will need to be a public hearing.

Josey states: Pay special attention to Chapter 9 while proofreading.

A lengthy discussion of Spooky Trails updates takes place.

***New Business:*** None.

***Closing Statements:*** appreciation of Deputy Supervisor Sherry Johnson is expressed.  
Josey: asks everyone think about medical marijuana regulations.

***Motion by Purdy:*** supported by Vuckovich, to adjourn meeting at 8:57pm. *Motion carried: 6 ayes, 0 nays.*

Next meeting scheduled for October 29, 2014 @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Purdy (temporary Recording Secretary)