1. Meeting Called to Order
A meeting of the Osceola County Planning Commission was called to order by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at the Osceola County Courthouse on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Commission Members were in attendance:

- Gloria Eisenga, Vice Chair
- Larry Emig
- Peggy Graham
- Rich Jacobs, Chair
- Jerry Lindquist
- Alan Tiedt
- Greg White

Also present was Dan Massy, Community Development Coordinator/Recording Secretary.

2. Brief Public Comments: None, no members of the public were present.

3. Approval of Agenda

(17-07) Motion by Alan Tiedt, supported by Larry Emig, to approve the agenda as presented.

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2017
Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed. No discrepancies were noted.

(17-08) Motion by Gloria Eisenga, supported by Jerry Lindquist, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report

6. Unfinished Business

a. EPA / DEQ / Michigan Potash Company: Dan spoke about a discussion he had with an individual from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. A handout summarizing the discussion was provided (attached).
b. Nestle Water Withdrawal: Dan provided a March 3, 2017 WOOD TV 8 article regarding the proposed Nestle water withdrawal (attached).

c. 2017 Goals: Dan presented the Commission with options for 2017 goals (attached). Before discussing options, the Commission agreed to change the goals from annual to multi-year.

(17-09) Motion by Alan Tiedt, supported by Gloria Eisenga, to approve the following Planning Commission goals.

- Investigate the potential of a winter farm market.
- Monitor activities involving potash mining in Hersey Township.
- Fill vacant slots on the Planning Commission.
- Obtain Connected 2.0 Certification. There is an expectation that this will include providing cybersecurity training.
- Provide a study of transportation which will include recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business

a. Correspondence was received from Washtenaw County notifying Osceola County that Washtenaw is currently in the process of amending their Solid Waste Management Plan.

b. Correspondence was received from Chris Peterson informing the Planning Commission of his resignation.

8. Extended Public Comment: None, no members of the public were present.

9. Adjournment

(17-10) Motion by Jerry Lindquist, supported by Alan Tiedt, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Rich Jacobs, Chair, at approximately 5:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is June 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse.
## Osceola County Planning Commission FY2017 Financial Report

### Summary Report

**As of: April 18, 2017**

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**Detailed Report**
As of: April 12, 2017

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Telephone discussion w/ Mel Kioigima, MDEQ

- Spoke w/ Mel Kioigima about the permitting process for the Michigan Potash Company (MPC).
- He just received the permit paperwork from MPC. MDEQ process is much quicker than the EPA's. Once the MDEQ is given all the paperwork they have 60 days to respond unless something is missing.
- He can share all information on injection wells, but only limited information on any production wells.
- He was in attendance at the January 4th EPA hearing. He was willing to speak, but was told it was the EPA's meeting. He did raise his hand several times during the Q&A section, but was not selected. He did speak to several of the individuals that expressed major concerns after the meeting.
- I'm providing Mel my email so that he can send me the regulations that will govern this project.
MDEQ extends public comment deadline on bottled water proposal

24 Hour News 8 web staff
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OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP, Mich. (WOOD) — The public now has additional time to comment on a bottled-water company's request to increase its groundwater pumping from a well near Evart.

A Nestle Ice Mountain water bottling plant. (Nov. 1, 2016)
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality announced Thursday that public comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, April 21. The department also announced a public information session from 4-6 p.m. and a public hearing from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12. Both will be held at The University Center at Ferris State University in Big Rapids.

Nestle Waters North America, Inc. announced in November a $36 million expansion of its Ice Mountain plant in Mecosta County (http://wp.me/p4yStY-14ZC). As part of the expansion, the company is asking to increase the capacity of water they're allowed to pull from its White Pines Springs site in Osceola County from 250 gallons to 400 gallons per minute.

The plan calls for boosting withdrawals from a well in neighboring Osceola County from 150 gallons per minute to 400 gallons per minute. That’s an increase of 167 percent.

The company says the increase may have minor effects on wetlands and stream flows but not enough to be harmful. Environmentalists say the proposed increase is excessive.

The department said in a release that they requested more information from Nestle Waters North America, Inc. about the company’s request to increase its groundwater pumping. They expect to hear back from the company by March 16. The department says extending the public comment period allows department staff to have enough time to prepare the draft permit.

Written comments about the project to the DEQ can be submitted by email to deq-eh@michigan.gov or by mail to:

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
P.O. Box 30241
Lansing, MI 48909-7741

Online:

http://woodtv.com/2017/03/03/mdeq-extends-public-comment-deadline-on-bottled-water-pr...
Potential Goals

1. Investigate Potential of Winter Farm Market

2. Monitor Activities Involving Potash Mining in Hersey Township

3. Fill vacant slots on the Planning Commission Email

4. Obtain Connected 2.0 Certification
   Provide cybersecurity training

5. Perform a Framework Study:
   Growth & Investment
   Housing
   Transportation
   Arts & Culture
   Recreation
   Natural Resources
   Talent
   Healthy Communities
   Food & Farming

   * major project
   1-4, 6 from Jan meeting
   select MAXIMUM of 2 major

6. Obtain Additional Gas Storage and Related Information

7. Other (specify)

8. Select None