

KMCPC Members:
Neil Sikora - Chair, Jack Mekemson - Vice Chair, () – Secretary,
John Gisler - Commissioner Liaison, Joel Amos, Vince Carahaly, Steven Cook, Joseph Hohler III,
Martin Janssen, Heather Riccketts, Herman Smith, Jon Start

KALAMAZOO METROPOLITAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (KMCPC)

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2015
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Room 207
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
February 5, 2015 Meeting minutes
- III. Citizens' Time** (for items not on the agenda)
- IV. New Business:**
 1. KMCPC term expiration: Jim Hoppe
 2. KMCPC term re-appointment: Martin Janssen
 3. New KMCPC members: Heather Ricketts and Vince Carahaly
 4. Election of officers: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 5. Prairie Ronde Township: Request for review of Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act of 1974 (known as PA 116) application PA 116, Case Nr PA2015-1, in section 8; Dennis and Joanne Hice. Staff review-Action Item.
- V. Other Business/discussion:**
 1. Discuss creating Kalamazoo County Master Plan
 2. Updated membership list
- VI. Report from Parks Commission/Liaison Joel Amos**
- VII. Correspondence**
 1. Notice from Kalamazoo Twp Re: 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Copy received
 2. Notice of adoption of Land Use Plan Amendment in Ross Twp on March 10, 2015.
- VIII. Other**
- IX. Adjournment**

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Next Scheduled KMCPC Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015

Co/City/Vil/Twp	Item Number	Item Name	Date Received	KMCPC Review Date
Kalamazoo Charter Twp	2013-1	Notice of Intent to Plan – minor amendments to Master Plan re: zoning	06/19/2013	10/03/2013
Portage City	2013-2	Notice of Intent to Update Comprehensive Plan	08/19/2013	10/03/2013
Richland Twp	2013-3	Land Use Plan (Master Plan) Amendment	09/20/2013	10/03/2013
Van Buren County	MP 2014-1	Master Plan 2013-2017 Amendment	12//09/2013	02/06/2014
Texas Twp	MP 2014-2	Master Plan Amendment	02/18/2014	03/06/2014
Comstock Twp	MP 2014-3	Master Plan Amendment	04/14/2014	05/01/2014
Cass County	MP 2014-4	Master Plan for Cass County	02/28/2014	05/01/2014
Vicksburg Village	MP 2014-5	Notice of Intent to Update the Village of Vicksburg Master Plan	04/23/2014	02/05/2015
Texas Twp	MP 2014-6	Master Plan Update (5-year)	04/18/2014	06/05/2014
Portage City	MP 2014-7	Master Plan Update	05/02/2014	06/05/2014
Kalamazoo Twp	MP 2014-8	Master Plan Update	05/02/2014	06/05/2014
Leroy Twp, Calhoun County	MP-2014-9	Master Plan Update	04/29/2014	06/05/2014
Schoolcraft Township	MP-2014-10	Proposed Amendment to Future Land Use Map (Master Plan Map 8)	06/10/2014	07/17/2014
Alamo Twp	MP-2014-11	Alamo Township Land Use Plan 2013 Review (1998 Land Use Plan amended 2003 and 2010) <i>Notice of intent received 12/02/2010.</i>	08/22/2014	09/04/2014
Comstock Twp	MP-2015-01	Notice of Intent: Comstock Master Plan Update	12/18/2014	TBD
Ross Twp	MP-2015-02	Master Plan Future Land Use map amendment	12/01/2014	01/08/2015 (mtg cancelled)
Village of Richland	MP-2015-03	Master Plan Future Land Use map amendment	01/27/2015	02/05/2015

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Vacancy

Minutes

Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Sikora, Martin Janssen, Steven Cook, Joseph Hohler III, James Hoppe, Joel Amos,
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jack Mekemson, John Gisler, Jon Start, Herman Smith, (One vacancy)
OTHERS PRESENT: Lotta Jarnefelt

I. Call to Order

Chair Sikora called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in Room 207A at the Kalamazoo County Administration Building at 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49007.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 4, 2014. On a motion made by Mr. Janssen and seconded by Mr. Hoppe, the Commission approved the minutes from the meeting.

III. Citizens' time

There were no citizens present.

IV. New Business

1. Resolution to honor Mr. William (Bill) Miller for his service on the KMCP. Ms. Jarnefelt provided a resolution that was written to honor Mr. Miller as decided at the November 6, 2014 meeting of the KMCP.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Hoppe and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Janssen, the Commission UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the resolution to honor Mr. Miller that is attached to these minutes and directed staff to provide a similar resolution, also attached, for the County Board of Commissioners to approve at their meeting at the next available opportunity.

2. Village of Vicksburg 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan. Ms. Jarnefelt presented a staff report on the Village of Vicksburg 2015

Comprehensive Master Plan. Except for minor edits in the text, staff reports no issues with the plan.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Hohler and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Cook, the Planning Commission UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the proposed Village of Vicksburg 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan and determined that it is CONSISTENT with the planning and zoning of the neighboring governmental units in Kalamazoo County, with staff comments to be included in the letter of recommendation to Vicksburg Village Planning Commission.

3. Village of Richland Notice of Intent to Consider Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Update.

Ms. Jarnefelt presented a staff report on the proposed change in the Future Land Use Plan Map from the existing classification of Residential, Low Density and Transitional to the Residential, Medium Density classification. The change is proposed in support of the applicant's related request to rezone the property to the R-2 Residential, Single and Two-Family zoning district. The proposed use is compatible with the neighboring properties, which are designated mainly Residential, Medium Density in the Future Land Use Map.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Amos and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Janssen, the Planning Commission UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the proposed Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Update and determined that it is CONSISTENT with the planning and zoning of the neighboring governmental units in Kalamazoo County.

4. Ross Township: Notice of Intent to Consider Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment, and notice of Public hearing.

Ms. Jarnefelt reported that the amendment was initially on the KMCPC January 8 agenda, but that meeting was cancelled due to the weather. At this time, public comment time is past due and there is no action needed.

V. **Report from Parks Commission liaison Mr. Amos:**

Mr. Amos was reported that he had attended the Park Commission meeting earlier in the day. Items discussed at that meeting was that Expo Center users can serve wine and beer, the hope is to create more venues. Updates on the River Oaks Park and the bike trail from Galesburg to Augusta were also provided.

VI. **Correspondence**

1. Letter from Comstock Twp: Notice about Comstock Master Plan Update
2. Corrections: Letter from HCS, LARA and notice about a public hearing in Oshtemo Twp mentioned in January preliminary agenda were not KMCPC issues.

VII. Other

County Board Commissioner John Gisler has been appointed the KMCPC liaison.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, L. Jarnefelt

Next scheduled KMCPC Meeting is Thursday, February 5, 2015.

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KALAMAZOO METROPOLITAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (KMCP) - 11 members

<u>Name/Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	
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Mr. Joseph Hohler III 1428 Lane Blvd Kalamazoo, MI 49001 Phone: (C) 274-4744	4/01/2014-3/31/2017	(appointed 04/01/2014) email: joehohler3@gmail.com
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KALAMAZOO COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REVIEW – April 2, 2015
P.A. 116 Application for Farmland Protection Easement
Case Nr 2015-1 Prairie Ronde Township

LOCATION

78 Acres in Section 8 of Prairie Ronde Township, Property Id # 13-08-101-011

APPLICANT

Dennis and Joanne Hice
9559 West U Ave
Schoolcraft, MI 49087

ACREAGE

Total number of acres in parcels:	78
Acreage in Cultivation (cash crop and fruit):	76.5
Acreage in cleared, fenced, improved pasture, or harvested grassland:	
All other acres (swamp, woods etc.)	<u> </u>
Total Acreage being applied for:	78 acres

LENGTH OF AGREEMENT

20 years

EXISTING LAND USE

Based on the 2013 aerial, the subject area is cultivated farmland. Neighboring properties are mainly cultivated fields, with some parts northeast and southwest of the subject area being wooded areas.

FUTURE LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject area is designated “Agriculture” in the Future Land Use Map in Prairie Ronde Township’s Master Plan 2022 Master Plan, as updated in May, 2010. Also surrounding areas are “Agriculture”

ZONING

The subject area is A-Agricultural District in the Prairie Ronde Twp Zoning map of April 2012, as well as the surrounding areas.

FARMLAND SOILS

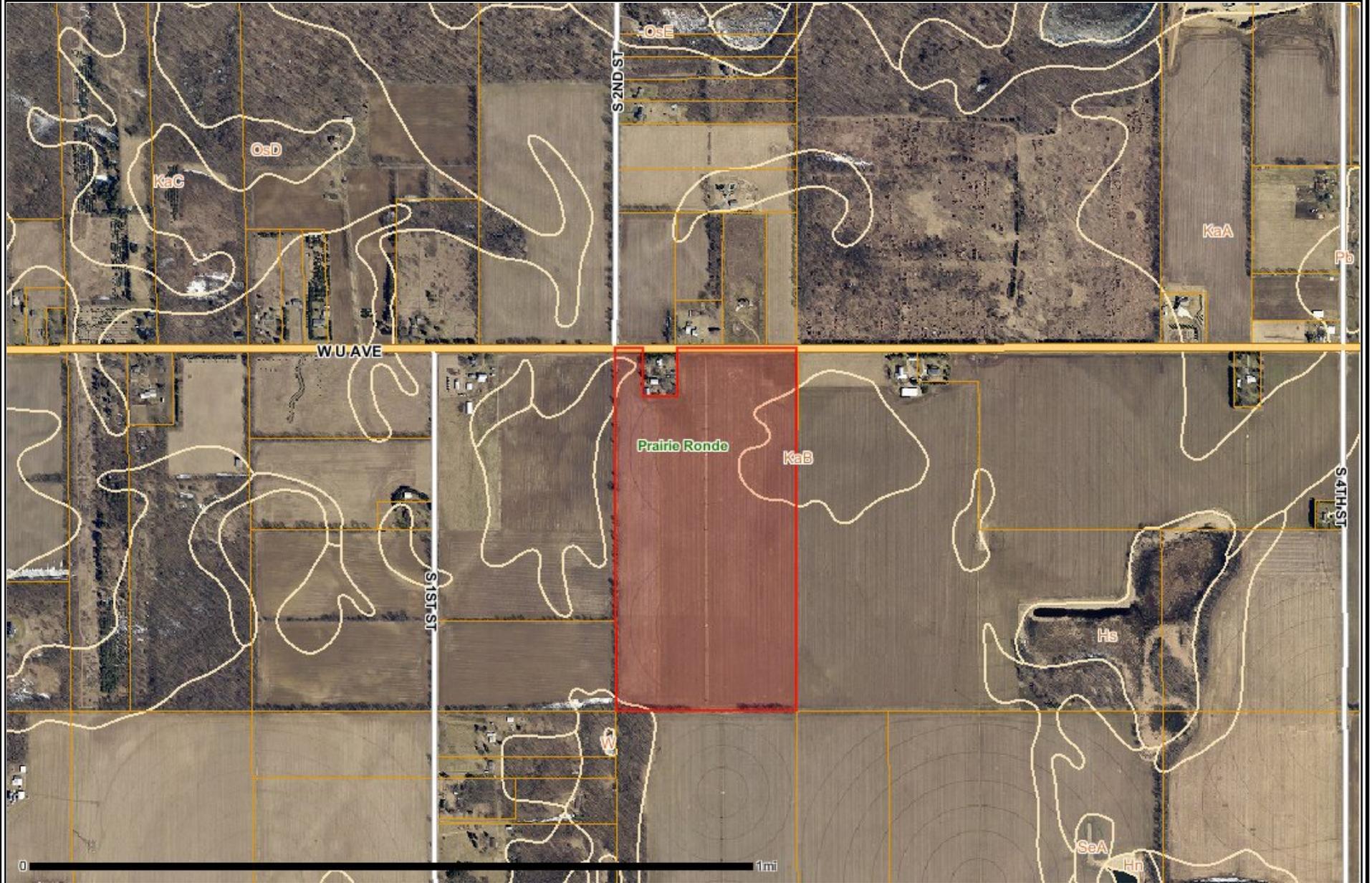
The subject parcel is mainly KaB (Kalamazoo Loam 2-6% slope), with a small portion of KaC (Kalamazoo Loam, 6-12% slope). KaB (Kalamazoo Loam) is prime farmland soil.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the Future Land Use designation, the current zoning, and the rural nature of the area, staff SUPPORTS recommending approval of the farmland agreement application.

Prairie Ronde, Sec 8

KMCPC PA 116 Review 04/02/2015



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February 10, 2015

Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt
Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Community Development
201 West Kalamazoo Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007



RE: 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Ms. Jarnefelt:

Enclosed is a copy of the charter township of Kalamazoo 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We have submitted this plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for certification and the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council to ensure cooperation and coordination of recreation planning efforts.

On January 8, 2015, the Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission reviewed the final draft of the plan and passed a resolution recommending adoption to the Township Board. The Kalamazoo Township Board of Trustees held a public hearing and formally adopted the plan on January 12, 2015.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (269) 381-8080.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Milliken".

Gregory Milliken, AICP
Planner / Zoning Administrator

Enclosure

**TOWNSHIP OF ROSS
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 10, 2015 Ross Township amended the Ross Township Master Plan Future Land Use Map so as to change the land use classification of the following described land from the Agricultural/Residential-Rural and Commercial planning classifications to the Residential-High Density planning classification:

Section 20, T. 1 S., R. 9 W.

The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, T. 1 S., R. 9 W., Ross Township, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, Except Beginning at the South 1/4 post of said Section 20; thence Northerly along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 842.67 feet; thence Easterly parallel with the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section, 1341.73 feet to the East line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence Southerly thereon, 844.78 feet to the South line of said Section 20; thence Westerly thereon, 1341.53 feet to the place of beginning. (Parcel numbers: 3904-20-405-012, except any part of the same in the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of land section 20; 3904-20-420-011; 3904-20-420-020; 3904-20-420-016; 3904-20-455-012).