

Hillsdale County Planning Commission

Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened at the Intermediate School District Offices, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, January 30, 2012

Members Present: Ned Bever, Deb Sikorski, Gary Reppert, Marc Richards, Michael Potts and Parke Hayes

Members Absent: Adam Smith, Fred Fowler

Others Present: Nicolas Wheeler, Shelby Bollwahn

Call to Order: Ned Bever called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: D. Sikorski moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2011, G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Agenda: D. Sikorski moved to approve the agenda, M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment: *None*

Public Hearings: *None*

New Business:

Election of Officers: Deb Sikorski nominated Ned Bever for Chairperson, Second Mike Potts. Gary Reppert nominated Deb Sikorski as Vice Chair and Marc Richards as Secretary. Second Mike Potts. Nominations closed. All approved in favor of these nominations.

PA 116 Applications

i. Ransom Township Enrollment – Townland Farms (Section 15 T8S R2W 33.95 acres m/l) Discussion Held. Mike Potts move to approve and Deb Sikorski Second, All in Favor. All approved.

ii. Ransom Township Enrollment – Clyde L. Town Trust No. 1 (Section 22 T8S R2W 15 acres m/l) Discussion Held. Mike Potts move to approve and Gary Reppert second. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Master Plan:

Ned Bever presented the economy section that he talked to Sue Smith, EDP, provided information for this section. Discussion was held and portions that applied to local situations or local statistics were adopted and other non-relevant areas dismissed. Many of the strengths of the local area were highlighted during this time.

Gary Reppert presented a section on Transportation to include the updated items. Numbers for miles of roads, public transportation, air service and rail service. Discussion was held on where to put bike paths and access it was decided to address this in the Recreation section.

Discussion turned to recreation and that we need to expand this section. Mike will work on this.

Discussion on Region 2 participation in addressing the population, building department data, housing characteristics. All this was discussed and no determination was made on whether this would happen. Nick Wheeler is going to check into this and see if he can find the data and work on it.

Discussion was held on what other things need to be discussed. Bylaws were tabled until next meeting.

Public Comment: *None*

Communications: *None*

Next meeting February 27th at 1:30 pm at the Hillsdale ISD.

Adjournment: *N. Bever adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Bever, Chair
Recorded by Marc Richards, Secretary