

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened in the Intermediate School District Conference Room, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, April 19, 2010.

Members present: Fred Fowler, Ned Bever, Brad Densmore, Gary Reppert, Sarah Fronczak, Deb Sikorski

Members absent: Ken Lautzenheiser

Others present: Nicolas Wheeler, William Bishop

Call to Order: Ned Bever called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *B. Densmore moved to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2010. G. Reppert supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: *G. Reppert moved to approve the agenda F. Fowler supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: *William Bishop inquired that at the last meeting there was mention that the Capital Improvements section of the draft ordinance maybe should not be a function of the planning commission. Mr. Bishop asked why the planning commission feels this should not be part of the ordinance. N. Bever answered that it is his feeling that the planning commission lacks the necessary expertise to fulfill this function and that this should remain a part of the County Board of Commissioners jurisdiction.*

Agenda Items:

PA-116 Applications

- a. **Camden Township Enrollment – Victor Jr & Eileen Eicher (116 acres more or less in section 25 of town 8 south, range 4 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's four properties was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. B. Densmore moved to recommend approval. S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.**

Economic Development Representative – N. Bever reported that the Hillsdale County Economic Development Partnership Board anticipates appointing someone possibly by July to the position and that person should then be the representative to the planning commission. No status change from what was reported at the March meeting.

Education Representative – There has been no application filed by Michael Potts, Superintendent of Jonesville and Reading Schools for the educational representative.

HCPC Ordinance Status – It was decided that because of the concern over the Capital Improvements reference in the ordinance and also new members being appointed since the ordinance was last presented to the County Board of Commissioners each member should review the draft ordinance once again before submitting to the County Board of Commissioners. This will be added as an agenda item to the next meeting of the Planning Commission.

Picture Hillsdale Project – Motion by D. Sikorski to send a status query for the “Picture Hillsdale Project” by certified mail to Soji Adelaja, Director of the Land Policy Institute. B. Densmore supported the motion and volunteered to help write the status query. The status query will be sent via e-mail to planning commission members for review before being sent. Motion unanimously carried.

Hillsdale County Master Plan Status – The master plan review depends partly on the results of the “Picture Hillsdale Project” and therefore some of the review must wait for the results. S. Fronczak suggested that in the mean time the planning commission start to review by breaking out individual sections of the master plan.

Communications

- a. D. Sikorski reported on the meeting held concerning the proposed authority known as the Headwater Authority which is the communities of City of Hillsdale, Hillsdale Township, Fayette Township and the Village of Jonesville.
- b. D. Sikorski mentioned the series of sessions being presented by the Land Policy Institute of Michigan State University throughout Michigan titled “Michigan Prosperity Initiative: 100 Free New Economy Training Programs in 60 Days”
- c. N. Bever mentioned that a representative from Duke Energy, a wind energy company, will be on hand at the Reading Township Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday May 5, 2010 for a discussion with the township planning commission.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: S. Fronczak moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Fronczak, Secretary

Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale