

Hillsdale County Planning Commission  
Minutes  
Monday May 19, 2014 1:30pm

Hillsdale County ISD Administration Building - 310 W. Bacon St. - Hillsdale, Michigan  
49242

1. Call to Order: Chair Alan Beeker called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Chair Alan Beeker, Ruth Brown, Christine Bowman, Gary Reppert, Sue Smith, and Fred Fowler. Chair Beeker declared a quorum present and noted that minimum for a quorum is 5 members.
3. Approval of Minutes (April 21, 2014): Moved by Fred Fowler and supported by Sue Smith to approve the minutes as written. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Agenda: Alan suggested that, due to Shelby's absence, the Hillsdale County Master Plan, under agenda item # 7, Unfinished Business, be removed from today's agenda. Christine Bowman moved in favor, Gary Reppert supported. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment: N/A
6. Public Hearings: N/A
7. New Business:
  - a. PA 116 Application
    - i. Jefferson Township Enrollment - Douglas K. and Charlene K. Belson Family Trust (Section 27 T7S R2W 24 acres m/1)

Gary indicated he had driven by the property a couple of times and that the buildings showing on the map have been removed. Fred was looking at the profitability and noticed on the deed that they acquired the property within the last year. Gary stated that this property is adjoining to their existing property. Fred moved to approve this request; Sue supported. Approved unanimously.
8. Any other Business/on-going business:

Chair Alan Beeker presented hand-outs and talked about the "Michigan Citizen Planner" class that he has organized for Wednesday evenings June 18 - July 30, 2014 at Hillsdale City Hall. He noted that the map is incorrect. You can sign-up online or you can send a check in with your application. There is a discount of \$20 per person if 4 people or more register together. Some people said they had already taken the class but Alan noted you should take it every 3 years. A highlight is that there are grant and scholarship opportunities available that would cover the \$295 registration fee. Information is on the hand-out. The class already has 8 people signed up, mostly consisting of city of Hillsdale planning commission members, Alan is encouraging more

participation. Minimum to run the class is 9, however, at this time, looks like it is a go. Fred added his support saying that anyone involved in city government should take the class. Ruth thanked Alan for offering it.

Ruth noted that Dave Williams, long-time city of Hillsdale planning commission chair and former councilperson, is moving away and that this will be a loss for the city of Hillsdale.

9. Public Comment: N/A

10. Communications: N/A

11. Next Meeting: Monday June 16 at 1:30pm at ISD

12. Adjournment: Chair Beeker asked for any other business to come before the Planning Commission. Hearing none, Christine Bowman moved to adjourn; supported by Fred Fowler. Meeting adjourned at 1:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Brown, Commissioner, Hillsdale County  
(taking minutes in the absence of Secretary Mike Potts)