

**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, June 21, 2010.

**Members present:** Ken Lautzenheiser, Brad Densmore, Sarah Fronczak, Deb Sikorski, Mike Potts

**Members absent:** Fred Fowler, Ned Bever, Gary Reppert

**Others present:** Nicolas Wheeler, William Bishop

**Call to Order:** Deb Sikorski called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** *The Minutes of May 17, 2010 will be presented for approval at the July meeting due to amendments and omissions.*

**Approval of Agenda:** *B.Densmore moved to approve the agenda S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Public Comment:** *William Bishop commented on the fact that the planning commission was asked to comment on the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance amendments as it pertained to Wind Energy before the actual amendments went to the Township Board. He believes this is not the correct procedure. D. Sikorski explained that the Reading Township Planning Commission was seeking input and guidance to the amendments before the final changes were made in an effort to consider the County Planning Commission recommendations in the final amendments.*

**Agenda Items:**

**PA-116 Applications**

- a. Woodbridge Township Enrollment – Menno & Anna Lengacher (107.27 acres more or less in section 7 of town 8 south, range 3 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's four properties was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. K. Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.**
- b. Woodbridge Township Enrollment – Levi Jr & Verna Eicher (60 acres more or less in section 5 of town 8 south, range 3 west) - A PA-116 on the applicant's three properties was found to be consistent with the County's Master Plan. S. Fronczak moved to recommend approval. M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.**

*There was further discussion on the PA 116 applications and those that have an enrollment period of only ten years. Do the applicants understand that a ten year period gives them a very short benefit period? It was discussed as to what the County Planning Commissions role should be in education on the PA 116 program.*

**Economic Development Representative** – *No further update on the appointment to fill the Economic Development Representative position.*

**Education Representative** – *Mike Potts, Superintendent of Jonesville and Reading Schools was introduced as the new educational representative.*

**HCPC Ordinance Status** – *S. Fronczak read from her notes of the May 20, 2010 meeting concerning the Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance. The following will be added to the May 20, 2010 minutes: N. Bever expressed concerns with part III(A) 4, 8 and 9 of the Planning Commission Ordinance. There was discussion about the limits of time and talent within the group to make decisions about long term budgeting toward capital improvement. D. Sikorski recommended waiving this duty and having the County Commissioners pick it up as they already perform this role. D. Sikorski moved to wave the HCPC’s right to prepare a CIP and allow the County Commissioners to do the CIP. Motion was seconded by B. Densmore and was passed.*

*S. Fronczak will edit the “draft” ordinance to reflect these concerns and once these final edits are made it should be ready for K. Lautzenheiser and B. Densmore to present the ordinance to the County Board of Commissioners.*

**Hillsdale County Master Plan Status** – *There was no discussion on the Master plan.*

**Picture Hillsdale Project** – *K. Lautzenhesier made the motion to send the initial status query for the “Picture Hillsdale Project” by certified mail to Charles McKeown instead of his supervisor Dr. Soji Adelaja, Director of the Land Policy Institute as previously decided on by the Planning Commission. B. Densmore supported the motion and will send the letter to Nicolas Wheeler to finalize the letter by inserting the date and monetary references. Once finished N. Bever will sign and send it to Mr. McKeown along with a copy of the final invoice and a request for response by July 9, 2010. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Other Business** – *S. Fronczak moved to reschedule the September 2010 meeting to the 13<sup>th</sup> instead of the 20<sup>th</sup>, M. Potts supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

### **Communications**

- a.** *S. Fronczak mentioned that a farmers market will be held in the Broad Street Market Downtown parking lot each Tuesday from 3pm to 7pm starting June 8, 2010.*

**Public Comment:** *William Bishop asked about the Wind Energy access and if it is similar to the way it is handled for mineral rights and the right of way access to.*

**Adjournment:** *K.Lautzenheiser moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m. B. Densmore supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Fronczak, Secretary

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