

Hillsdale County Planning Commission Minutes
Monday September 21, 2015 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 1:34pm.
2. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chair Alan Beeker, Christine Bowman, Gary Reppert, Sue Smith, Ned Bever, Shelby Burlew, Ruth Brown, Nick Wheeler. Fred Fowler excused. Chair Beeker declared a quorum present.
3. Approval of Minutes (July 20, 2015): Moved by Sue Smith and supported by Shelby Burlew to approve the minutes as written. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Agenda: Alan presented a letter from Hillsdale Township and suggested it be placed on the agenda under communications. Christine Bowman moved the agenda be approved as amended. Ned supported the motion. Approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment: N/A
6. New Business:
PA 116 Applications:
 - i. Camden Township Enrollment -- Marlin and Maggie M Delagrange (Section 14 T8S R4W 40 acres)
 - ii. Woodbridge Township Enrollment -- Michael W and Janet R Crites (Section 13 T8S R3W 100 acres m/1, Section 15 T8S R3W 97 acres m/1, Section 22 T8S R3W 34.68 acres m/1 & 40 acres, Section 23 T8S R3W 37.97 acres & 77 acres m/1 also Section 24 T8S R3W 40.78 acres m/1)
 - iii. Ransom Township Enrollment -- William Belson (Section 10 T8S R2W 80 acres m/1)Gary Reppert moved and Sue Smith supported to approve all three applications. Approved unanimously.
7. Any other business/on-going business:
 - a. Ruth asked about the Planning Commission "sun-setting" and noted the comments
from the last Planning Commission meeting regarding wanting to maintain local control vs. regional control. Nick and Alan stated that, if the Planning Commission "sunset" on 6-30-16, things like PA 116 Applications would go to the Regional Planning Commission for approval first, then would be sent back to the local Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners for approval. Nick and Alan suggested to Ruth that she start the process with the Commissioners in January to ensure enough time because there might be a legal question and also may need to have a public hearing.

- b. Alan presented fliers about a "Public Participation Meeting" coming up on 9/29/15 from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Hillsdale Public Library regarding the redevelopment of the Courthouse Annex building. Alan led discussion and gave the background of what this meeting is all about and encouraged everyone to attend.
8. At 1:53pm, Alan opened the Public Hearing for the Hillsdale County Master Plan. There was no public present and no comments from the board.
At 1:54pm, Alan closed the Public Hearing and declared the Master Plan complete. Christine moved and Ned supported to adopt the Master Plan. Approved unanimously.
Nick noted it does not need to go back to the Commissioners.
Ruth thanked Shelby for the work she did to help get the Master Plan updated.
9. Public Comment: N/A
10. Communications:
a. Adams Township: Notice of Intent to Amend the Adams Township Land Use and Master Plan -- Gary said that he attended an MTA meeting where concerns were expressed objecting to the location of the tower in Adams Township and questions if this was a residential area. A public hearing is planned for Sept. 22 at 7pm at the Adams Township Hall.
b. Adams Township -- Application for a Special Land Use Permit
c. Hillsdale Township -- Letter of Intent to Amend the Master Plan
11. Next Meeting: Monday November 16 at 1:30pm at ISD
12. Adjournment: Gary moved to adjourn and Sue supported.
Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Following Adjournment:

- a. The budget was discussed, Gary had a copy of last year's budget that was looked at. Nick said he would e-mail the proposed budget and it could be placed on the 11/16 agenda. Also, will e-mail a copy of the letter from Hillsdale Township.
- b. Ned and Alan asked about seminars and educational opportunities. Gary said that the MTA offers planning trainings at least once a quarter at various locations scattered throughout the state. Gary will bring information to the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Brown, Hillsdale County Commissioner