

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

November 21, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Intermediate School District Offices
310 W. Bacon St.
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Members Present: Gary Reppert, Mike Potts, Ned Bever, Deb Sikorski, & Fred Fowler

Members Absent: Marc Richards, Adam Smith, Mark Williams, & Parke Hayes

Others Present: None

Call to Order: Chair Bever called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: M. Potts moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011, D. Sikorski supported. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Reppert and supported by Potts to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearings: None.

Chairman Bever welcomed new members; Adam Smith, Mark Williams & Marc Richards.

Unfinished Business:

- a. The Commission agreed to delay review of the Master Plan until later in the meeting.
- b. A motion was made by Potts and supported by Reppert to table the Review of Commission By-laws until the new members were present. Motion unanimously carried.

New Business:

a. The Commission reviewed the amendments of the Somerset Township Zoning Ordinance as it relates to Adult Entertainment. A motion was offered by Potts and supported by Reppert to recommend approval the amendments. The Commission discussed the meaning of “substantial”, and at what point did the items constitute a substantial contribution to the business. The Commission suggested that Somerset Township might address this within their proposed amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Parke Hayes arrived at 2:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Reppert and supported by Hayes to appoint Sikorski as the Secretary. Sikorski accepted, for the minutes only. Other correspondence, and assimilation of the agenda

etc., would need to be handled otherwise. N. Bever said he would check with the Courthouse.

The Commission then reviewed the changes that had been updated so far, to the Hillsdale County Master Plan. Amendments to the proposed plan will be presented at the meeting in December. Continued review of part five, resulted in assignments as follows:

✓Demographics, pages 34-36, D. Sikorski will check with Region II PC to estimate a cost to update those tables.

✓Education, pages 37 thru 44, M. Potts will update as much as possible.

✓Economy, pages 45 thru 47, N. Bever will forward to Sue Smith to review.

✓Health & Medical, pages 47 & 48, P. Hayes will forward to J.J. Hodshire for revision.

✓Housing, pages 48 thru 52, D. Sikorski will check with census info & Region II Pc.

✓Transportation, pages 52 & 53, G. Reppert will be updating this portion.

Communications:

a. The Commission received a report from F. Fowler on the MAP Michigan Assoc. of Planning Conference that he attended in October.

b. The Commission noted receipt of the City of Hudson's intent to plan notification and the proposed draft. Chairman Bever wished that notice be sent to the City of Hudson.

The Commission agreed to change the time of the next meeting on December 19, 2011 to 12:00 noon to accommodate a conflict in schedules. N. Bever is buying lunch.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:01 p.m.

Ned Bever, Chairman