

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda

Monday, January 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

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

- 1. Call to Order by:** Jack McLain at 1:10 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Brad Benzing, Namrata Carolan, Jack McLain, Jack Mosley and Susan Smith

Absent: Jason Wheeler

Others Present: Andy Welden

- 3. Approval of Minutes (11-04-19)**

Motion by Namrata Carolan to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Jack Mosley.

Approved Unanimously.

- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Original motion made by Susan Smith, Second by Brad Benzing. Jack McLain moved to amend the agenda to add the election of officers and table this item until the next meeting. Several seats are vacant at this time. The Commission is hopeful these positions will be filled prior to the March meeting. This motion was seconded by Jack Mosley.

Approved Unanimously.

- 5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

- 6. Public Hearings**

No public hearings.

- 7. Unfinished Business**

- a. County Master Plan**

Jack McLain suggested verifying information of the data in the prior Plan. For example, agriculture acreage. Bring items up-to-date and factual. Namrata would like to see windmills, solar energy and marijuana addressed in the Plan. Gather plans from other municipalities in the County. Brad Benzing mentioned that it needed to be taken in to consideration that not all Townships are zoned and will most likely stay that way. We are a County without a zoning ordinance. All these things need to be considered when reviewing the Master Plan. What needs to be posted and when regarding the review/update of the Master Plan? Check to see what resources are available from MSUE. Sue asked if the sections were complete or if anything was missing. Sections 1 & 2 are to be reviewed by all members prior to the next meeting and will be discussed at the next meeting. This will continue until the entire Plan has been reviewed and updated.

Motion by Sue Smith, supported by Namrata Carolan.

Approved Unanimously.

- 8. New Business**

- a. Village of Waldron Ordinance No. 11-1219, creating a Planning Commission**

Brad mentioned that they reference State Act but no reference to County Master Plan. Suggest to them to at least acknowledge the County Master Plan. Jack McLain questioned 3A and the # of people. Brad said that as long as it does not conflict with the County plan, it is not an issue.

Motion by Namrata Carolan, supported by Sue Smith.

Approved Unanimously.

b. City of Litchfield Recreation Plan 2020

After review of the Recreation Plan, Jack McLain indicated that he felt it was very good, and well put together. All members agreed that it was a very nicely done plan.

Motion by Jack McLain, support by Jack Mosely.

Approved Unanimously.

9. Any Other Business/On-going Business

a. 2020 Meeting Schedule

It was suggested that the meetings of the County Planning Commission be moved to the Board of Commissioner's room at the County Office Building on McCollum Street.

Motion by Namrata Carolan, supported by Brad Benzing.

Approved Unanimously.

b. Timely receipt of materials from Cities/Villages/Townships

Include on letter presented the request for any ordinances, etc. that they are forwarded to Kim Jackson for compilation on the County website. Permission to purchase supplies to be used by Kim for this and future mailings for the benefit of the Hillsdale County Planning Commission. Andy Welden wondered if the meeting schedule is sufficient enough to meet the demands or approval of items being sent in by the municipalities, is our schedule a hinderance? No further comment regarding additional meeting dates.

Motion by Jack McLain, supported by Namrata Carolan.

Approved Unanimously.

10. Public Comment

No public comment.

11. Communications

a. MISS DIG 811 Information for Municipal website

Jack McLain thought this was a good handout and thought it would be helpful to be handed out with building permit applications. Namrata felt it would be good to use/hand out at other Board meetings that she is involved with.

Jack McLain commented that he would like to see younger generations getting involved on these Boards and Committees and having more involvement in government. Brad said that our world is run by the people who show up. Namrata mentioned that meeting times may be a hinderance for some people who work or have children at home, etc.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Jack Mosley, supported by Namrata Carolan at 2:20 p.m.

Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020 @ 1 p.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room.