

Hadley Township Planning Commission

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January 24, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shoemaker at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of members present: David Hinton, Glenn Walton, Jennifer Van Dam, Ron Shoemaker, Kimberly Hill, Robert Hartwig and Elwyn Brandt. All commissioners are present.

There were 7 township residents present.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Hill. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

It was noted that there was a correction to be made to the section covering the Fireworks ordinance. Commissioner Hartwig moved to approve the minutes with the noted correction, second by Commissioner Hinton. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- 1.) Hadley Downtown – no new comments on this matter.
- 2.) Sidewalk Ordinance – After review by David Churchill, some changes were made and discussed. Commissioner Brandt motioned to send the ordinance to the Township Board for their review and approval, second by Jennifer VanDam. Motion approved.

- 3.) Blight Ordinance – After review by David Churchill, there was discussion regarding the updated ordinance. Please review all changes and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting.
- 4.) Fireworks ordinance – The commission questioned the effective date of this ordinance and found that it cannot go into effect until 30 days after publication. Commissioner Hinton motioned to send the ordinance to the Township Board for review and approval, second by Commissioner Hill. Motion approved.

New Business:

- 1.) ZBA Report – No meeting, no new submissions
- 2.) Township Board Report – Linda Stevens, Leo Putz and Kent Copeman were all reappointed to the Board of Review.
- 3.) Correspondence – none.
- 4.) Possible Planning Commission Projects for 2017 – Review alternate sources of power, i.e., solar panels, windmills – suggested by Commissioner Van Dam. Supervisor Monroe said he has some information from a Township Supervisors meeting that he can share. Outside Wood Burners was another subject we would like to look at as it has been suggested by residents.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Shoemaker opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Brandt nominated Ron Shoemaker. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Chairman Shoemaker accepted the nomination.

Chairman Shoemaker called for a vote on the office of Chairman – reelection of Ron Shoemaker as Chairman. The vote was unanimous. Chairman Shoemaker thanked everyone for their support.

Chairman Shoemaker opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Hartwig nominated Kim Hill. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Commissioner Hill accepted the nomination.

Chairman Shoemaker called for a vote on the office of Secretary – reelection of Kim Hill as Secretary. The vote was unanimous. Commissioner Hill thanked everyone for their support.

Planning Commission Annual Report for 2016:

Chairman Shoemaker read over the Annual Report for 2016.

This report denotes the activities, meetings and attendance of the commissioners for the year past. The Annual Report for the Zoning Board of Appeals is also included. Chairman Shoemaker identified some corrections and changes that need to be made and will update the document and forward it to the Township Board.

Public Time:

Steve Boucher, resident on Sutton Road questioned the Fireworks Ordinance.

Chairman Shoemaker explained that the ordinance just restricts the use of fireworks to the day before, the day of and the day after the 10 national holidays as prescribed by the State of Michigan. It also prohibits the hours that fireworks can be discharged (1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. is restricted). It states that you cannot discharge fireworks on another person's property without their permission and you cannot be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while discharging fireworks. Chairman Shoemaker explained we cannot pass the ordinance; we can only draft it and send it to the Township Board. The Township then must review it and decide whether to approve or deny.

Glenn Arens of Flying A Canine Ranch notified the commissioners that he is still interested in moving forward with his plans to expand his dog kennel. Chairman Shoemaker explained what he should do as his next step. Chairman Shoemaker said due to the expansion, this will have to be considered as a new special land use request. Commissioner Van Dam asked why it wouldn't be a modification. Chairman Shoemaker explained that because the application is doubling the footprint of the business it should be presented this way. Mr. Arens is happy to do what is needed but just needed some qualifications and further explanation. Mr. Arens will forward his latest drawings to show what he is proposing.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Walton asked if the Fireworks Ordinance covered issuance of permits. There are no permits required unless it is a commercial grade fireworks presentation.

Chairman Shoemaker stated that the Recreation Plan submitted by the Planning Commission has been approved by the Township Board.

Commissioner Brandt said the Planning Commission has done a good job enforcing the special land use permits for the car lots located at the four corners and the old dairy location on Hadley Road. Both lots look really good now.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Brandt, second by Commissioner Hartwig. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly S Hill