

Hadley Township Planning Commission

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August 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shoemaker at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of members present: David Hinton, Al Keahl, Ron Shoemaker, Kim Hill and Elwyn Brandt. Glenn Walton and Robert Hartwig are excused.

There were 0 members of the public present.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Hill moved to accept the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried.

Public Time:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Brandt moved to accept the minutes of the July meeting as presented, second by Commissioner Keahl. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1.) Outdoor wood burners
- 2.) Solar power
- 3.) Wind energy

The Commissioners prioritized the upcoming projects as seen above. We will work on Outside Wood burners first. Commissioner Hinton had emailed some information he had found regarding Wind Energy to everyone. Chairman

Shoemaker asked everyone to save the info to refer to later. The Chairman also mentioned that he had seen an ordinance from Oregon Township that we may be able to use as a guide regarding wood burners. He also mentioned that Commissioner Hartwig had mentioned that there are some high efficiency wood burners on the market that have very low emissions now – so we may want to familiarize ourselves with that information as well. It was agreed that we need to do additional research before beginning on this project. Commissioner Keahl has been doing some research as well and he located some information from the MTA that we may be able to use – he will print out more copies and bring those to the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1.) September Meeting Date – Chairman Shoemaker will not be available for the next scheduled meeting. It was agreed to move the meeting to September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm.
- 2.) ZBA Report – Jim Stone is going to be bringing a request before the ZBA to be able to build an attached garage onto his house. He is currently in a commercial zone which would prohibit this, thus the reason for his request. There is another possible request coming from a resident wishing to add a garage to her property but the size would put her over the maximum footage.
- 3.) Township Board Report – Chairman Shoemaker reported that the donkey rescue on Richie Road is looking into applying for a special land use permit to be able to continue operating. There are some issues that need to be ironed out and the owner and her daughter will be meeting with Supervisor Monroe to discuss those prior to application. The township is moving ahead with the proposed sewer study. They are looking into what types of systems could be utilized in the business district in the Village, they will also look at costs and ways to pay for these improvements. They have contracted with Rowe Engineering in Flint for this study.
- 4.) Correspondence: The Commission received a very nice thank you from former Commissioner Jennifer VanDam.

Public Time:

None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Brandt mentioned that he had checked into our attendance at last week's planning seminar and we can be paid for our attendance and be reimbursed for mileage if we submit a bill. Chairman Shoemaker will speak to Supervisor Monroe to see how what they require.

Commissioner Hill mentioned that she had been approached by a resident regarding a local business that may be in violation of their special land use requirements. The Commission agreed that the resident should take this complaint to Supervisor Monroe for follow up and formally register the complaint.

Chairman Shoemaker discussed our recent attendance at a planning seminar put on by the Michigan Townships Association. All attending reported that the seminar had good topics (Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, Short Term Rentals and Solar Farms); good information and a very good speaker.

Commissioner Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly S Hill