

Hadley Township Planning Commission

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January 17, 2023

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

Roll call of members present: David Hinton, Scott Martin, Glenn Walton, Ron Shoemaker, Kim Hill, Elwyn Brandt and Robert Hartwig.

There are 5 members of the public present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Hill, second by Commissioner Walton. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the December minutes with a correction on page 3 by Commissioner Walton, second by Commissioner Hartwig. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1) Zoning Ordinance Update

Rowe was unable to attend this meeting as they are still updating the plan based on our earlier recommendations.

Chairman Shoemaker discussed the proposed lakefront district changes. The width of the lots seems to be a concern and he wanted to say that they will remain the same. Commissioner Walton said he thought we were looking at changing the front setback and we are not. Chairman Shoemaker mentioned that he thinks most people wanted to keep the 1 acre minimum rather than reduce it. He said we still have time to get more input from residents before we send it on. Commissioner Hinton proposed that we investigate creating two different lakefront districts. One for Lake Lapeer and the other for Davison Lake and Big Fish Lake. Chairman Shoemaker will discuss this with Rowe.

2) Hadley Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan

Status update – during a special meeting held on January 5th, the Commission performed a final review of the Parks and Recreation Plan, and it was sent on to the Township Board for review. There is not a Township Board meeting in February so the soonest we will hear back will be March.

New Business:

1.) Election of Officers

- i. Nominations – Chairman Shoemaker opened nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Hartwig nominated Ron Shoemaker, second by Commissioner Brandt. No other nominations being heard Chairman Shoemaker moved on to nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Walton nominated Kim Hill, second by Commissioner Hinton. No other nominations being heard Chairman Shoemaker closed the proceeding.
Chairman Shoemaker then opened the voting on the position of Chairman and Ron Shoemaker was elected to the position of Chairman by unanimous vote. He then opened the voting for the position of Secretary and Kim Hill was elected to the position of Secretary by unanimous vote. The election was closed. Chairman Shoemaker and Secretary Hill thanked everyone for their votes and their support.

2.) Planning Commission Annual Report – Chairman Shoemaker presented the Annual Report which he will send to the Township Board for Review.

3.) ZBA Report - No hearings, nothing pending.

4.) Township Board Report – Confirmed Board of Review Members.

5.) Correspondence – Chairman Shoemaker will send the correspondence he has received from Rowe about upcoming seminars to anyone that is interested.

Public Time:

Lake Lapeer resident Dale Heverly spoke about the proposed change to minimum lot size on Lake Lapeer. He discussed the fact that there are not very many lots that would qualify for lowering the lot size restrictions. Chairman Shoemaker explained how our review process works and how long it will take to arrive at a decision. We are open to hearing from both sides on the topic.

Resident Gayle Heverly asked for more info about the Recreation Plan.

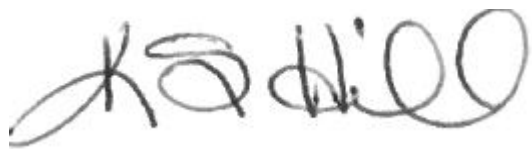
Resident Kimberly (did not catch last name) asked about the possibility of getting a paved walking trail around Marston Park and the sticker shock that followed on the estimated cost. She investigated other ways that might be a lower cost and found grants that can be applied for if you use recycled material. She also looked into water features for Hartwig Park and has some information on that as well. She also asked about looking at changing our ordinances to keep larger corporate entities (big box stores) out of Hadley. Chairman Shoemaker explained that we don't really have a commercial district that would attract larger companies to our area and what we focus on as a Commission and that we do not react proactively because we may spend time working on something like that and it might never occur.

Commissioner Comments:
None.

REMINDER: Next regular meeting is February 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Offices.

Adjourn:
Commissioner Hartwig moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Walton second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hill', written in a cursive style.

Kimberly S Hill