

## Hadley Township Planning Commission

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January 23, 2024

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

Roll call of members present: David Hinton, Glenn Walton, Ron Shoemaker, Kim Hill, Elwyn Brandt (arrived later) and Robert Hartwig. Scott Martin- absent. There were six members of the public present.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Shoemaker requested to correct the agenda by adding a new item VI – Electrical Capacity Restriction Waiver for Marth Hoffert. Commissioner Hill motioned to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Walton. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Walton motioned to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, Regular Meeting as corrected, second by Commissioner Hinton. Motion carried.

Electrical Capacity Restriction Waiver (Hoffert): Martha Hoffert 3276 Farmers Creek Rd Metamora MI 48455 is requesting a waiver of the Electrical Capacity Restriction to allow her daughter to add a shed for her home business. The shed was installed to allow her daughter to move her mushroom growing inside. She wanted the electrical service to be separate from her own to allow her daughter to build credit. At this time, the amount of electricity is a bit beyond what is needed but it will allow for expansion if this venture is successful. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Walton and second by Commissioner Hartwig to approve the Waiver. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Chairman Shoemaker distributed the current version of the updated ordinances and asked that all member of the

Commission read them over thoroughly. Check the page number, spelling, grammar – everything! This will be our guide for the next 20 years or so and we want them to be correct.

2) 2024 Project ideas – Chairman Shoemaker reviewed our suggestions and we set the priorities. These are now listed in order of priority -

High - Update Zoning Ordinance Wind and Solar sections to align with new state renewable energy law changes – Kaitlen Habben has sent us information for updates.

Medium - Check Special Land Use Approvals to see if they are still in compliance – review for any inactive SLA's.

Low - Sign Inventory – reviewing signs for compliance.

Chairman Shoemaker also discussed the possible improvements to be done to the Township offices and how we will need to assist in making sure those follow all the same rules as township residents.

At this point, Commissioner Brandt joined the meeting.

#### New Business:

- 1) ZBA Report – no current requests.
- 2) Township Board – Commissioner Hartwig shared the information from the recent Township Board Meeting. There were three hundred fire calls in 2023; proposed speed limits were also discussed. There is a lot of confusion and disappointment regarding the changes, but this is a State of Michigan law enforced by the State Police. The Township cannot change anything.
- 3) Correspondence – none.
- 4) Elections for Chairman and Secretary – nominations were opened. Chairman nominations – Commissioner Walton nominated Ron Shoemaker for Chairman, Commissioner Hartwig second. Mr. Shoemaker accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed. There were no further nominations for secretary. Mr. Shoemaker and Mrs. Hill were elected to Chairman and Secretary respectively, unanimously. Chairman Shoemaker and Secretary Hill thanked everyone for their confidence.

5) 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report – Chairman Shoemaker provided the annual report for the Planning Commission and the ZBA.

Public Time:

There was a question regarding what an inventory of signs is – Chairman Shoemaker explained that it is an audit of the various business signs around the township. This audit ensures that all signs follow the sign ordinance. There was much appreciation shared to Chairman Shoemaker for accepting the nomination and taking on his position for another term.

Commissioner Comments:

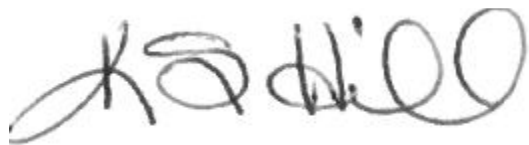
The Commissioners all shared their thanks and appreciation to Chairman Shoemaker and Secretary Hill for accepting another term in their positions.

REMINDER: The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be on February 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Township Offices.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Hartwig moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hill second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kimberly S Hill