

Hadley Township Planning Commission

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July 16, 2024

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

Roll call of members present: David Hinton, Linda Hodge, Glenn Walton, Ron Shoemaker, Kim Hill, Elwyn Brandt, and Robert Hartwig. There were five members of the public present.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Shoemaker requested changes to the agenda, adding another Public Time and adding an item to New Business – Rezoning Township Offices (and renumbering the remaining items). Commissioner Hartwig motioned to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hinton noted a correction on page two – change the abbreviation AR to AG. Commissioner Walton motioned to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2024, meeting as corrected, second by Commissioner Hartwig. Motion carried.

Public Time: A resident asked about the tree cutting that has been going on this year. She feels that some of the trees on Ritchie Road were missed and wanted to make sure they were coming back and not charging us again. She was asked to contact the Township Board for resolution. Another resident asked what the process on improvements to Marston Park and the Old Town Hall were and when they will happen. She was referred to Lisa Schultz for more information.

Old Business:

- 1) Zoning Ordinance Update – Chairman Shoemaker distributed copies of the latest draft of the Ordinances. He asked for Commissioner Hinton to read through the draft for corrections. He also discussed an email from Caitlyn

Habben regarding the duplication of a definition and how that should be dealt with. She also asked about numbering new ordinances. Chairman Shoemaker will send an email with our decisions.

- 2) Planning Commission Training – was moved to next month as Caitlyn will be going on leave soon and wants to make sure she has someone covering her for the time she is out.

New Business:

- 1) Rezoning Township Offices – Currently the property is zoned AR and should be C1 as the business done there fits the description for commercial property. It has been suggested that it be changes and investigating the history shows that a past Township Board did investigate it, but it was never completed. Now is a suitable time to do this as a new sign is going to be purchased and this will eliminate a need for a variance. It does involve changing the zoning map. Commissioner Hartwig made a motion to make the proposed change to the zoning map, second by Commissioner Walton. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 2) ZBA Report – variance request for the Sherman’s on Silver Birch to build a garage is upcoming. No date set at this time.
- 3) Township Board – Commissioner Hartwig reported the Township purchased gravel to be used on the roads. A new sign purchase was approved. Money was moved between accounts.
- 4) Correspondence – There was a flyer for “Hot Topics in Planning” This is a conference held in Frankenmuth in August. If you can attend – please let Ron know.

Public Time:

A resident asked a question regarding the renewable energy initiative getting on the ballot in November. It will most likely not get on the ballot, but the group will push to get it on the next election’s ballot.

Commissioner Comments:

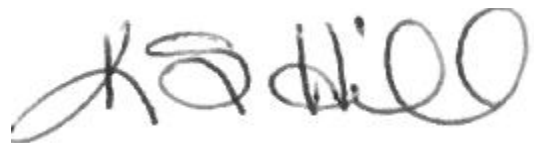
Commissioner Walton mentioned that the Fourth of July parade was good this year. He thanked Chairman Shoemaker and his wife, Maureen for the great job they do organizing the parade each year. Commissioner Brandt was disappointed that the ordinance has taken so long, and that Rowe was awarded the work on Marston Park as we no longer use them for planning. He also asked if the Township allows shipping containers on private property as storage units. Shipping containers would fall under buildings ordinances and based on past information from the CCA – they will not pass inspection. Commissioner Hill mentioned the new computer business in town. Chairman Shoemaker also mentioned that it was a great parade and thanked everyone that helped – and attendees of the meeting Matt Bryson and Don and Kim Hill.

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

Adjourn:

Commissioner Brandt moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hartwig second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kimberly S Hill