

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes 1/24/2017

Planning Commission Members: Chair Mike Timmer; Mark Forbes; Tadd Heft; Ken Rutgers; Chuck Wamhoff; Steve Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Members Present: Mark Forbes; Ken Rutgers; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Steve Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

+ Commission attendance noted above.

+ Lori Castello, Zoning Administrator present.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Consideration of the minutes of the November 22, 2016 meeting were added to the agenda
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes from previous meetings:** The minutes of the 11/22/2016 and 12/27/2016 meetings were previously emailed to commissioners and briefly discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the 11/22/2016 meeting minutes. This motion was approved.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the 12/27/2016 meeting minutes. This motion was approved.

3. **Election of officers for 2017:** Officers were approved as follows: Mike Timmer as Chair; Mark Forbes as Vice-Chair and Fred Morley as secretary.
4. **Approval of monthly schedule for 2017:** Commission meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday for the months of January through November. The December meeting will be the 19TH. This schedule will be on the Township web site.
5. **Review final draft of Wind Energy Ordinance:** The final draft of this Ordinance was presented. This document is ready for Public Hearing at our meeting February 28. Zoning Administrator Castello will do the Public Notice for the hearing.
6. **Discussion on commission review of the compact:** Commissioners were emailed the compact and other documents for review. Discussion included Zoning Administrator acting as our liaison, contacting other jurisdictions to see what their experience has been; should we have a committee to look into this issue; the effect on our tax role; what do we want to know; what is our Township board's take on this issue.
7. **Other business:** Our new code books need some changes. PCI has had inquiry about solar energy, including questions on solar farms. Another issue is the production of methane as an energy source.

Next meeting February 28, 7:00 PM.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made and supported at 7:50 PM. This motion was approved.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes approved: