

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 1/27/2015

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

Members Present: Lori Castello; Mark Forbes; Tadd Heft; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Steve Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:00 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

+ Commission attendance noted above.

- **Minutes of the 8/26/2014 Special Meeting:** These minutes were previously emailed to commissioners.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the 8/26/2014 meeting minutes. This motion was approved.

- **Minutes of the 12/2/2014 Special Meeting:** These minutes were previously emailed to commissioners.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the 12/2/2014 meeting minutes. This motion was approved.

- **Planning Commission Officers for 2015:** Nominations were made for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to elect Lori Castello Chair of the Planning Commission for 2015. This motion was approved.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to elect Mark Forbes Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission for 2015. This motion was approved.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to elect Fred Morley Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2015. This motion was approved.

- **Future Land Use (FLU) Plan and Zoning Ordinance:** Discussion included that work is needed to bring the FLU and the Ordinance into line with each other; the intent of the Ordinance needs to be clear; availability and format of an ordinance book for commissioners; Ordinances may be accessed through the Township web site;
- **Ag Setbacks:** The Board of Appeals has received requests for greater setback distances in the Ag District. There can be legitimate reasons to allow changes in setbacks. One question is, can the Ordinance be written in a way to allow setback change and not have to issue a variance? Changes to the Ordinance must be tempered with the intent of the Township as articulated in the FLU, to preserve farmland.
- **General Information and Discussion:** What's happening with the JiJak Foundation property on 20th Street; habitual presence of materials causing violations of the Blight Elimination Ordinance; status of the Home Occupation Ordinance; the Centennial Barn and the driveway issue with the County Road Commission.
- Our next meeting will be February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes approved: