

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 2/23/2016

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

Members Present: Tadd Heft; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Steve Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:10 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

- + Commission attendance noted above.
- + Kirk Scharphorn, Zoning Administrator present.

Agenda

1. Presentation and Adoption of Agenda
2. Review and Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Old Business
 - a. Review maps received from the County for our Master Plan.
 - b. Re-organize Industrial District and add Junkyards by SUP.
Kirk to provide examples for consideration.
5. New Business
 - a. Set date for public hearing for approval of the finished Master Plan Review.
 - b. Discuss priorities for Commission after Master Plan Review is finished.
6. Commission Comments
7. Next Meeting date set for March 22, 2016 7:00 PM
8. Adjourn

Agenda: Presented and Adopted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the January 26, 2016 were previously emailed to commissioners and briefly discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting. This motion was approved.

Map from the County for our Master Plan: The “Future Land Use Map 2015” prepared by the County was reviewed. Part of this review was comparing the map to the written description in the Master Plan. The map looked good and compared well to the written description. We need up-dated zoning maps.

Re-organize Industrial District and add Junkyards by SUP: Zoning Administrator Scharphorn handed out some information on other jurisdiction’s treatment of junkyards/salvage yards. Several jurisdictions were noted in the material. Setbacks, screening, surfacing, regulated activities, permits and stacking were covered in the handout. Storm water runoff was brought up as a concern that should be addressed in our regulations. Mixed use was a question. Further discussion was tabled. We need to address this subject in future meetings.

Public Hearing on Master Plan (Plan): The date for this public hearing will be noticed for our next meeting, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. PCI will take care of the Public Notice. After any changes and approval by the Planning Commission, the Plan will go to the Township Board for final approval.

Future Priorities to be Addressed by Commission: Several issues were brought up as future subjects for the Commission to address. They included junk/salvage yards; wind power and their associated towers; lighting and site plan review; and irrigation and water withdrawals.

General Discussion: New Ordinance copies are in the works; Blight Ordinance enforcement is coming along at three sites.

MOTION: At 810 PM a motion was made to adjourn. This motion was approved.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes approved: