

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Regular Meeting 8/6/2013

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

Members Present: Lori Castello; Lee Murray; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:05 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30 PM

Location: Hopkins Library

- + Commission attendance noted above.
- + Zoning Administrator Kirk Scharphorn in attendance

Agenda

- Home Occupation Ordinance Draft
- Master Land Use Plan Review.

Call to Order: 7:05 PM.

Agenda Items

Home Occupation Ordinance Draft: The focus of discussion was on a document handed out covering the ordinance changes previously agreed to and other parts of the Ordinance affected by the proposed Home Occupation Ordinance. The proposed ordinance draft will be sent to our attorney for review. A public hearing will be scheduled after the attorney's response.

Master Plan Update: Planning Principles from Zoning Administrator Scharphorn's "Master Plan Review Process" handed at the July 23, 2013 meeting were discussed. There was minor tweaking suggested on this item. Discussion also included our need to look at new technology such as wind power and fracking. The casino could have impacts on Hopkins Township. Retiring Commissioner Murray briefly talked about his long experience on the Planning Commission. A point he made is that we need to keep in mind that every decision that the Commission makes has ramifications for the community.

Development Implementations were also discussed. Our emphasis continues to be on open space with farm land preservation a primary goal in Hopkins Township. We can look at commercial and industrial development from a regional perspective because other jurisdictions could fill the need for this.

For the August 20 meeting commissioners should review the Goals and Objectives in the Master Plan Review Process handout and be prepared to discuss these items.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes approved: