

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 8/31/2010

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

Members Present: Lori Castello; Tadd Heft; Bob Hoffmaster; Mike Timmer; Chuck Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:04 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 8:35 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

- + Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chair Castello.
- + Commission attendance noted above.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1) At 7 p.m., to consider a petition from Robert and Ann Miller to rezone the property commonly known as 3298 22nd Street, parcel number 0310-007-008-00 from Agricultural to R-1, Residential.

Discussion on the Miller rezoning included:

- The rezone request is for Ag to R-1.
- The request is for the 40 acre parcel on the west side of the road.
- The 80 acre parcel across the road will not be affected.
- This change is in agreement with the Master Plan.
- R-1 is 10 acre minimum lot size.
- There has been no objection to this zoning change.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the zoning change requested by the Millers, parcel number 0310-007-008-00, from Agricultural to R-1, Residential. This motion was approved.

This zoning change is in agreement with the Master Plan and there has been no objection to this change.

A letter needs to be sent to the Allegan County Planning Commission for their review of this request.

Agenda Items

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 27, 2010 meeting were briefly discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2010 regular meeting. This motion was approved.

- **Adoption of the Agenda:** The Mel Trotter Camp discussion was added to the agenda.
- **Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment
- **Mel Trotter Ministries Camp Discussion:** Representatives of Mel Trotter Ministries were present to dialog about possible uses of the Camp since they are no longer operating it and are in the process of selling the Camp. The Camp is near the intersection of 20th Street and 126th Avenue. A limited number of people will be interested in the Camp. If it is not to be a camp, what could it be? The current zoning is R-2 and is non-conforming. There was a question about the Camp presently operating under a Special Use Permit. Mel Trotter representatives will work with Zoning Administrator Scharphorn.
- **Tabled Business:** Wind Ordinance discussion. Discussion centered around the information that commissioners gleaned from the internet and other sources. One point discussed was that we should start with the smaller wind turbines, those that individuals would install for their homes.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to adjourn. This motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted By:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: