

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 6/30/2011

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

Members Present: Lori Castello; Mark Forbes; Lee Murray; Mike Timmer; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:14 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 8:05 PM

Location: Hopkins Library

- + Meeting called to order at 6:14 PM by Chair Forbes.
- + Commission attendance noted above.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the June 23, 2011 Meeting.
2. Continue Developing Hopkins Township Sign Ordinance.

Agenda Items

- Minutes of the June 23, 2011 Meeting. These minutes were emailed to commissioners for review.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting. This motion was approved.

- Continue Developing Hopkins Township Sign Ordinance. Discussion began with talking about signs in the commercial and industrial districts. There are a number of non-residential uses permitted in the C-1 District. Signs need to be compatible with the nature of a district. Billboards were discussed. The proposed definition of a billboard does not deal with the size of the sign, but deals with advertising something that is not done on the parcel where the sign is located. The State of Michigan exercises certain controls over large billboards along major highways. Should the location and/or number of signs on a parcel be based on frontage?

Generally, billboards may be allowed in all districts, but limited by size.

Previously, billboard signs would not be allowed in the Ag District. With clarification of the definition, billboards signs should be allowed in the Ag District limited to 32 square feet.

Advertising signs in the Ag District and the C-1 and C-2 Districts should be limited to 32 square feet.

Dorr Township's Sign Ordinance calls for billboards to be limited to 672 square feet; must be within 500 feet of the US 131 right-of-way; and spaced no closer than 1320 feet. We will use this limitation for large billboards.

In Residential Districts, there should be one sign per parcel; two square feet in size; and no lighting.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Township Hall. We will deal with other signs in the C-1 and C-2 Districts. We should review the other township sign ordinances that have been handed out to prepare for this meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to adjourn at 8:05 PM. This motion was approved.

Submitted by:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes approved: