

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 6/15/2009

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: 7:05 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:43 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

+ Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Castello.
+ Commission attendance noted above.

AGENDA

Public Hearing: **Fleet Services of West Michigan LLC Request for Rezoning I-1 Industrial to C-2 Commercial General Business**

Fleet Services wants to sell trucks and trailers. Sale of trucks and trailers is not allowed in the Industrial District but is allowed in the C-2 District. Previously, by Use Variance, three parcels were granted permission to sell vehicles. Use Variance is no longer available, thus the need to change the zoning to C-2.

There has been a study of how the US 131 corridor looks to travelers. The study was critical of the area on the west side of US 131 in Hopkins Township. Some concern was expressed about what affect the proposed rezoning will have on this issue. The owner stated what he was doing to help keep his property looking good.

Our Zoning Administrator explained that the zoning change would meet the Master Plan.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to approve the zoning change for the Fleet Services property from Industrial to C-2. This motion was approved.

This proposed zoning change must go to the County for review.

Some discussion followed regarding how we could streamline approval of uses. Reviewing what is allowed in the Industrial and Commercial Districts would be a starting point.

The need for Wind Energy and Solar Energy Ordinances was discussed. A Public Hearing on the Wind Energy Ordinance will be part of our scheduled July meeting.

The truck wash at the east end of 126TH Avenue was briefly discussed. There is a June 23, 2009 hearing scheduled in District Court. There continues to be many trucks using the facility. The owner was not truthful when he applied for the building permit.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Submitted By:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Approved: