

Hopkins Township Planning Commission
Minutes Special Meeting 6/1/2010

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

Members Present: Lori Castello; Bob Hoffmaster; Lee Murray; Chuck Wamhoff; Fred Morley

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:20 PM Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 PM

Location: Hopkins Township Hall

- + Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM by Chair Castello.
- + Commission attendance noted above.

Public Hearing:

- 1) Recommendation to Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Agricultural Zone. Proposed changes include dealing with: splits, new parcels 1.25 to 2 acres and minimum lot size, 38 acres.
 - The proposed Ordinance was reviewed with emphasis on the proposed changes.

MOTION: A motion was made and supported to recommend the proposed Ordinance to the Township Board. This motion was approved.

These changes will bring the Ordinance into line with the Master Plan with the emphasis on the preservation of farmland.

Agenda Items

- Old Business
 - 1) Wind Ordinance: A copy of the draft Monterey Township Ordinance was handed out. Discussion included: possible sites; tune ordinance to local characteristics; many types of wind systems; smaller towers need attention; will Hopkins Township deal with the large towers; need to be reasonable, must allow in township; if too restrictive, state could take over regulation; solar energy will need to be regulated also.

We should review the Monterey Township Ordinance with Hopkins Township characteristics in mind. Also review the “old” study from the ‘90s.

- Public Comment: There was a question about the assessor entering onto a property at anytime without contacting the owner. Also, a question about the US 131 Special Assessment District.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted By:

Fred Morley, Secretary
Hopkins Township Planning Commission

Minutes Approved: