

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

The **Hillsdale County Planning Commission** convened in the Intermediate School District Conference Room, 310 W. Bacon Street, Hillsdale, Michigan, on Monday, December 15, 2008.

Members present: Ned Bever, Fred Fowler, Deb Sikorski, Robert Henthorne, Julie Kanouse, Sarah Fronczak, Reb Turner, Ken Lautzenheiser

Members absent: Andy Welden

Others present: Deb Coffing, Jasneet Sharma

Call to Order: Deb Sikorski called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of October 20, 2008 were amended to correct the misspelling of Sarah Fronczak's name and also to change the date on the Joint Training Session with City of Hillsdale from April 23, 2008 to 2009. *R. Henthorne moved to approve the amended Minutes of October 20, 2008. K. Lautzenheiser supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: *R. Henthorne moved to approve the Agenda as written. S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items: *Hillsdale Township Zoning Amendments* were reviewed. *J. Kanouse moved to recommend approval. K. Lautzenheiser supported.* There was discussion that the zoning is very vague. *R. Turner called the question on the motion. F. Fowler supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Survey Update-Picture Hillsdale was given by Jasneet Sharma. She stated that the total was 461 to date and Chuck McKeown is working on Fact Data. Jasneet is compiling survey results and June 2009 is the consensus of the Board to present the results.

A **Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance Review** was also given by Jasneet. *R. Henthorne moved to approve the Hillsdale County Planning Commission Ordinance as amended, moving it forward to the County Board of Commissioners pending approval by legal counsel. J. Kanouse supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Additional Business: A **Joint Training Session with the City of Hillsdale** was discussed and D. Sikorski stated that the City of Hillsdale would like to see the following topics: 1) Planning for downtown revitalization, 2) Planning for tourism. The County Planning Commission concurred, but added topics to consider – 1) Wind Energy (possibly partner with Farm Bureau), 2) Infrastructures.

Various appointments to the County Planning Commission were discussed. *Sarah Fronczak, Conservation District representative, stated that she will be gone on maternity leave and will be seeking a replacement for herself for the months of April, May and June. Reb Turner, Economic Development representative, stated that his term ends December 31, 2008. R. Henthorne moved to recommend that Charlene Page, Economic Development replaces Reb Turner on the Hillsdale County Planning Commission. R. Turner supported. Motion unanimously carried. R. Henthorne moved to recommend that Deb Sikorski, City representative, Andy Welden, Commissioner representative and Ken Lautzenheiser, commissioner representative be reappointed to the Hillsdale County Planning Commission effective January 1, 2009. D. Sikorski supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Jasneet distributed the "Open Meetings and Freedom of Information" workshop brochures to the members. This will be presented January 22, 2008.

Communications: Farmland Development Rights Agreements, Columbia Township-Notice of Intent to prepare a Master Plan and City of Litchfield's proposed 5-yr. Recreation Plan were communications presented by D. Sikorski.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Sikorski, Vice Chair