

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, July 21, 2008.

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

Members absent: Ken Lautzenheiser, Andy Welden

Others present: Deb Coffing, Jasneet Sharma

Call to Order: Vice Chair Deb Sikorski called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *R. Henthorne moved to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2008 as written. F. Fowler supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was amended to "Review Changes with new Zoning Enabling Act" to Review Changes with new Planning Enabling Act". A Somerset rezoning was also added to the Agenda. *R. Turner moved to approve the amended Agenda. S. Fronczak supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items: Jasneet Sharma reviewed handouts that included *changes with the new Planning Enabling Act*. A few of the items required are:

- Responsibilities of Planning Commission's operational responsibilities.
- County Commissioners need to set-up Capital Outlay Program.
- Request copies of Zoning Ordinances from each township.
- Planning Commission *now* is required to be created from an Ordinance. Jasneet stated the first responsibility as rescinding the resolutions that created the existing County Planning Commission and creating a county-wide Ordinance.

A **Somerset Township Zoning Amendment** was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The amendment was to change the zoning from AG-1 (Agricultural) to RNF-1 (Rural Non Farm) at 12351 Calhoun Road East of Waldron Road. The purpose being to split the parcel into 2 smaller parcels to build a home for their son. After much discussion, the Planning Commission decided that they did not have enough information to make a recommendation to Somerset Township on this rezoning. *F. Fowler moved that the Planning Commission take no action on this rezoning request. R. Henthorne supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

A **PA-116 Application** for Steve Graber of Woodbridge Township, 70 acres, was presented. *R. Henthorne moved to acknowledge receipt of this application as it is consistent with the County Land Use Plan. R. Turner supported. Motion unanimously supported.*

Communications: Adams Township Public Hearing announced; Somerset Township Public Hearing announced.

Other Business: There was discussion about a couple of members that will be absent at the regularly scheduled August 18th Planning Commission meeting. *R. Turner moved to reschedule the County Planning Commission meeting to Monday, August 25, 2008, 1:30 p.m., ISD. J. Kanouse supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reb Turner, Secretary

Recorded by: Deb Coffing, Executive Secretary, Board of Commissioners