

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, June 23, 2008.

Members present: Deb Sikorski, Julie Kanouse, Ned Bever, Reb Turner, Sarah Fronczak

Members absent: Fred Fowler, Robert Henthorne, Andy Welden

Others present: Deb Coffing

Call to Order: Vice Chair Deb Sikorski called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *K. Lautzenheiser moved to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2008 as written. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

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

Public Comment: Jasneet Sharma reported that 225 "Picture Hillsdale" surveys had been completed to date; 381 surveys are needed. Jasneet is planning on sending these surveys out with tax notices for a total cost of \$317.60.

Agenda Items: The *City of Hillsdale Land Use Plan* draft was presented by D. Sikorski and reviewed by the members. The Plan is to be adopted on July 9, 2008. K. Lautzenheiser asked to be on record that it's the understanding that the residential areas in this Plan will be taxable units. *R. Turner moved to accept the City of Hillsdale Land Use Plan. J. Kanouse supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Somerset Township Zoning Amendments were reviewed by the Planning Commission. The amendments were to change the zoning from RS-1 (Suburban Residential) to RM-1 (Multiple Family Residential) at 10381 Railroad Street and 10375 Railroad Street; the purpose being to erect a duplex. *R. Turner moved to approve the zoning amendments with the understanding that this land is designated commercial on the County Land Use Plan, but accept to move to residential which is a better fit in the Somerset Township Land Use Plan. K. Lautzenheiser supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

The **Planning Commission Expense Report** was reviewed and it was noted that \$5,000 has been encumbered for "Picture Hillsdale".

Farmland Agreements approved to this date were reviewed. *K. Lautzenheiser moved that these documents have been received and will be placed on file. R. Turner supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

Communications: Somerset Township letter re: Updating the Somerset Land Use Plan. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission that a letter is sent requesting an electronic copy of their Plan when they submit it to the County Planning Commission.

Other Business: D. Sikorski announced that she attended the "Master Planner in Lansing".

It was also discussed that Capital Improvement Projects should come before the County Planning Commission for review.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reb Turner, Secretary

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