

# 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, October 20, 2008.

**Members present:** Ned Bever, Fred Fowler, Deb Sikorski, Andy Welden, Robert Henthorne

**Members absent:** Julie Kanouse, Sarah Fronczak, Reb Turner, Ken Lautzenheiser

**Others present:** Deb Coffing, Jasneet Sharma, William Bishop, Gardner Hotchkiss

**Call to Order:** Chair Andy Welden called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** *D. Sikorski moved to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2008 as written. F. Fowler supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

**Approval of Agenda:** *Wheatland Township Rezoning Request* was added to the agenda and the agenda was approved as amended.

**Public Comment:** *William Bishop* asked if the proposed Ordinance (reference 9-15 minutes) has been approved. *Jasneet Sharma* stated that the Ordinance is still in the review process.

**Agenda Items:** Gardner Hotchkiss presented a *Wheatland Township Rezoning Request* to the County Planning Commission members. This request was to rezone 1.15 acres, 9551 North Adams Road from (AA) Ag District to (LI) Light Industrial for a mini storage business. Mr. Hotchkiss had formerly presented it to the Wheatland Township Planning Commission and they approved it and asked him to go before the County Planning Commission before presenting it to the Wheatland Township Board for final approval. There was much discussion on how this request was presented to the County Planning Commission. *R. Henthorne moved to recommend to the Wheatland Township Board that Mr. Hotchkiss's request to rezone this property from (AA) Ag District to (LI) Light Industrial be approved because of previous and historic use for industrial purposes. He also recommended that Wheatland Township review their Land Use Plan for submissions to the County Planning Commission in the future. N. Bever supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

A *Joint Training Session with the City of Hillsdale* was discussed and the consensus was to hold this training session Thursday, April 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Topics were discussed from the handouts of topics from Jasneet. D. Sikorski to take the ideas to the City and combine with theirs for final topic/topics.

Jasneet gave a "Picture Hillsdale" *Survey Update*. She stated that there had been 439 completed surveys which equal 1%. Consensus was to consider the survey completed as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Jasneet and Chuck McKeown to meet and continue with the project "Picture Hillsdale".

In reviewing the *2009 Budget*, the members discussed funding a scholarship for a couple of township members to attend a workshop/seminar.

The *2009 Planning Commission Schedule* was discussed. *F. Fowler moved to set the 2009 schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every month, 1:30 p.m., Intermediate School District. R. Henthorne supported. Motion unanimously carried.*

The Planning Commission members *reviewed the Ordinance* and made a few changes. It was the consensus of the members to change the two County Commissioners appointments to one Citizens at Large appointment and one County Commissioner appointment. Jasneet to review and update the ordinance following the changes and bring back to the November or December meeting for further review.

**Communications:** PA-116 enrollments reviewed.

**Public Comment:** William Bishop asked a couple of questions pertaining to the proposed ordinance – 1) provisions for public input and 2) liaisons section needs to be defined.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

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Andy Welden, Chair

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