

# Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

1. **Call to Order** - *Chair Carolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** *Namrata Carolan, Chair; Susan Smith, Vice-Chair; Michael Clark; Steve Lanius; Jack McLain; Denise Belson*  
**Members Absent:** *Troy Reehl, Secretary-Excused; Annette Scoville-Excused*
3. **Public Comment** - *None*
4. **Correspondences** - *None*
5. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by Clark to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes. Second by Lanius. Approved unanimously.*
6. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by Clark to approve the September 20, 2023 agenda. Second by Smith. Approved unanimously.*
7. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
8. **Unfinished Business** - *No unfinished business listed.*
9. **New Business**
  - a. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
    - i. **Camden Township - Graber (Section 23 T8S R4W 80 acres m/l)**  
Program Type: *Farmland Development Rights Agreement - Motion by McLain to recommend approval of the application. Second by Lanius. Approved unanimously.*
  - b. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
    - i. **Camden Township - Steury (Section 21 T8S R4W 40 acres m/l)**  
Program Type: *Farmland Development Rights Agreement - Motion by Clark to recommend approval of the application. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
  - c. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
    - i. **Camden Township - Eicher (Section 22 T8S R4W 8.68 acres m/l)**  
Program Type: *Farmland Development Rights Agreement- Motion by Clark to recommend approval of the application. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
10. **Any Other Business/On-going Business**
  - a. **Continued discussion on update of Master Plan**  
*Chair Carolan summarized her meeting with the County's Budget Committee including the Committee's preference that the Region 2 proposal not be considered and that assistance from Michigan State*

*University Extension is preferred. Chair Carolan will seek an updated proposal from MSUE for assistance in updating the master plan.*

- b.** Review of members terms expiring at the end of 2023
  - Townships (Carolan) - *Chair Carolan indicated the at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hillsdale Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association it was approved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Carolan be reappointed as a Township Representative on the County's Planning Commission.*
  - Industrial & Economic Development (Smith) - *There was no update*
  - Environmental & Natural Resources (Clark) - *There was no update*
  - Citizen At-Large (Scoville) - *There was no update*
  
- c.** Wright Township Cellular Communication Tower - *There was discussion on communications involving a tower to be placed in Wright Township that would be on land currently enrolled in PA116. No action was taken as there has been no official request made to the County in regards to this tower.*

**11. Public Comment - None**

**12. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Clark. Second by Smith. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.**

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*Troy Reehl, Secretary*

*Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale*