

Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - *Chair Carolan called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: *Namrata Carolan, Chair; Aaron Ritter, Vice-Chair; Jack McLain, Secretary; Doug Ingles; Troy Reehl; Susan Smith*

Members Absent: *Andy Welden*
3. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by Reehl to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes. Second by Ritter. Approved unanimously.*
4. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by McLain to approve the September 20, 2021 agenda with the correct spelling of “McLain” in item 9.b. Second by Ritter. Approved unanimously.*
5. **Public Comment** - *No public comment.*
6. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
7. **Unfinished Business** - *No unfinished business listed.*
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications**
 - i. **Camden Township – Hand (Section 6 T8S R4W 78 acres m/l)**

Program Type: *Farmland Development Rights Agreement - Motion by Ingles to recommend approval of the application. Second by Ritter. Approved unanimously.*
9. **Any Other Business/On-going Business**
 - a. **Continued discussion on update of Master Plan** - *Discussion included the need for 2020 U.S. Census data for updating parts of the plan, adding information pertaining to renewable energy (i.e. Wind Turbines, Solar Panels) and marihuana. Members will review the current Land Use Map associated with the Master Plan for potential changes. The work-in-progress version of the master plan will be sent to the members for further review at the November meeting.*
 - b. **Review of members terms expiring in 2021 or currently vacant**
 - *Township Representative - McLain (Expires) - Planning Commission support staff will attempt to send notification to the Hillsdale Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association requesting nominations.*
 - *Education Representative - Reehl (Expires) - Planning Commission member Reehl will make a request to the Superintendents Association for nominations.*

- Environmental & Natural Resources (Vacant/Expires 2023) - *Planning Commission support staff will send notification to the Hillsdale County Conservation Board requesting nominations for the vacancy.*
 - Citizen At-Large (Vacant/Expires 2023) – *There was discussion on ways to inform the public of vacancies on the Planning Commission including potential public service advertising and social media.*
- c. Discussion on changing the time of future meetings - *No action was taken on changing times. Setting the 2022 meeting schedule will be included on the November meeting agenda.*

10. Public Comment - *No public comment.*

11. Communications

- a. EBI Consulting - Invitation to Comment (PIMI400) EBI Project #6121006381 - *There was discussion on whether to provide comment on the proposed telecommunications facility and its potential effect on historic properties as provided for in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. It was the consensus to forward the letter on to County Commissioner Wiley who represents Cambria Township where the project is located to make sure the Township is aware of the project details.*

12. Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn by Ritter. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 1:42 p.m.*

Namrata Carolan, Chair

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