

HILLSDALE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
33 McCollum Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242

1. Call to Order by: Brad Benzing at 1:12 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Brad Benzing, Namrata Carolan, Jack McLain, Jack Mosley, Troy Reehl, Aaron Ritter, Susan Smith, Andy Welden

Members Absent: None

3. Approval of Minutes (9-21-2020)

Motion by Jack Mosley to approve minutes as presented. Support by Namrata Carolan.

Approved Unanimously

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Namrata Carolan to approve agenda as presented. Support by Troy Reehl.

Approved Unanimously

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Public Hearings

No public hearings.

7. Unfinished Business

a. County Master Plan – Ongoing

- On the Education section, Troy indicated that the number of students in the County has decreased and should be at 6,500 (not 7,000). There are also 5 private schools in the County consisting of the following: Bird Lake Bible, Freedom Farm Christian, Hillsdale Academy, Spring Branch Academy and Pittsford Seventh Day Adventist. The Hillsdale Beauty College and the Litchfield Regional Training Center are not under the umbrella of the Hillsdale ISD.
- Andy will reach out to the Conservation District about the Natural Resources opening.
- Brad spoke with Rebecca Burns from the Health Department. She will provide update by November meeting. Did attempt to make contact with JJ Hodshire at the hospital with no success.
- Brad suggested that a public hearing in May would be a good goal.

- Other topics of discussion were wind, solar, marijuana, connectivity, natural gas availability. Much discussion has been happening about connectivity.
- It was decided to leave marijuana out of the County Master Plan.
- Namoo mentioned that the Pittsford Township Master Plan did still need some work. Spelling errors, etc. She would like to see them convert it to an electronic version. Wright Township is also looking to create a Master Plan/Planning Commission. She will also follow-up with Toby Berry (?) on the Housing section.
- Kim will check back with the Building department on permit data.
- Work will continue on the Master Plan.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Any Other Business/On-going Business

None

10. Public Comment

None

11. Communications

- a. Pipeline emergency response information. Available at meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Namoo, with support from Jack Mosley to adjourn at 2:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 1 p.m.