

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

August 6, 2014

Members Present

Diane Vaughan, Marge Kobisa, Bob Davis, Rudy Turk and Wendy Faber

Rodney Nanny was also present

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7pm

Minutes were read from last meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> 2014. Rudy made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Previous Business: Copies distributed to members of the RV Ordinance.

New Business: Additions and Changes to Ordinance

Set A: Keeping of Farm Animals and Bees

Chickens are not listed as allowed in current residential ordinance. With proposed change keeping of chickens and other small farm animals would be allowed with minimum 1 acre parcel. Allowance for bees is ok. Marge made a motion to accept as is. Rudy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Set B: Accessory structures wording is also to be kept as worded. Bob made a motion to accept. Rudy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Set C: Medical Marijuana

Section will be added according to Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Also to be added: permitted under following land use: Allowed in Commercial District. Bob made a motion to accept. Diane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Set D: State Mandated Changes and other Amendments

Farm Based Biofuel Production And Storage: Michigan Enabling Act allows. Wording approved. Have to allow in ordinance. No motion needed.

Satellite Dish, Telecommunications Towers: Michigan Enabling Act allows. Note-Planning Commission has authority for final decisions because of time restrictions. Highlights- 14 days to accept application as complete. No motion needed.

Findings of fact: Check list for determining decisions made by board, referendum and conforming to court decree wording is accepted.

Public Hearing: Will open and close for each section.

Marge made a motion to accept additions for finding of fact and referendum and conforming to court decree wording, also public hearing open and close for each section. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Planning commission will adopt 3 minute per person policy when speaking at a Planning Commission Public Hearing. Bob made a motion to accept the policy, Marge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Planning Commission recommended that the Township Board look into updating fees for Special Use Permits. Wendy made a motion to recommend and Marge 2<sup>nd</sup>. All yes, motion passed.

Date set for Public Hearing November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Hope Township Hall.

Solar and Wind Ordinances to be looked at in the future.

Note during meeting: Master Plan to be looked at every 5 years.

Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm