

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

February 3, 2016

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:05pm

Members Present Diane Vaughan, Marge Kobisa, Bob Davis, Wendy Faber, Nicole Kelly

Rodney Nanney of Building Place was also present and Andy Kobisa

Minutes were read from November 2015 meeting. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from November, Nicole seconded.

Marge asked Andy if everything was in order for the Verizon Cell Tower. Andy said all conditions have been met.

Rodney presented updated information for the Master Plan. Introduction and Community Profile section have been laid out in letter format rather than the 2 column format in the Master Plan now. Members like the new format. Nothing has changed with wording regarding regional history. Demographics were updated with the most current census information.

Section 2-Major Issues are water quality, future of housing, transportation, energy and agriculture.

When updating the master plan the State of Michigan and Midland County should consider township future plans if addressed in the Master Plan.

Communication-Future cell towers, fiber optics, cable services are wanted in the township.

Energy resources like natural gas, solar and wind power should be considered to be included in the Master Plan.

Agriculture and farming are an important part of Hope Township and the Master Plan should reflect that.

Rodney plans on having a draft document for the Master Plan ready for the next meeting in May.

Planning commission will go over the plan and if no changes will recommend to the township board and send it out to surrounding townships and Midland County for their review. After 60 days a public hearing will be held.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Next meeting May 4, 2016