Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

May 3, 2017

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm

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

Minutes were read from February 1, 2017 meeting. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes and Nicole seconded the motion.

Previous Business

Rodney was not present at the meeting. He was going to present revised sections in the Master Plan.

Marge stated information gathered at the MTA Conference in Lansing on Medical Marijuana recommends doing nothing in the ordinance.

New Business

All members will attend workshop in Frankenmuth on May 22.

Members agreed to try and get Master Plan updating completed soon.

A commercial company has expressed interest in installing a commercial solar farm business in the township. Marge has looked into the company and possible business operations. There have been some complaints from other townships. Marge had a copy of ordinance from a township in North Carolina. The township would have to have an attorney look over any contracts. Marge made a motion to place a moratorium for 1 year on any commercial solar farm businesses building and operating in the Township until the township looks into it further. Bob seconded the motion.

Commercial zoning on M-30 ends at Adams Road. Board agrees it should be changed to end at Curtis Road. Roll call vote was taken to change zoning from agricultural to commercial from Adams Road to Curtis Road. Marge-yes, Diane-yes, Marge-yes, Bob-yes, Nicole-Yes. Public hearing can be held the same time that the Master Plan public hearing is scheduled.

Marge told the board the Midland County Planning Commission has dissolved. We no longer need to submit changes in the Ordinance and Master Plan. If we do need any advice we can contact Rob Eggers from Spicer Company. Updated Master Plan still needs to be submitted to surrounding townships.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Next meeting is August 2, 2017