

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting & Public Hearing

Unapproved Minutes

November 1, 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

Rodney Nanney and Andy Kobisa were also present.

Minutes were read from August 2 meeting. Nicole made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob seconded the motion.

Recess regular meeting.

Open public hearing for the Master Plan

Planning commission heard back from a few surrounding townships, no formal comments were made.

East Michigan Council of Governments suggested we add the Midland County Hazard Mitigation Plan into the Master Plan. The plan was adopted by resolution by Hope Township on February 11, 2014. It will be added under general goals in the Master Plan.

Marge made a motion to adopt the updated Master Plan. Bob seconded the motion.

Roll call vote taken Marge-yes, Bob-yes, Nicole-yes, Wendy-yes, Diane-yes

Updated Master Plan will be sent by Rodney Nanney to Hope Township Board for final approval.

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Resume regular meeting

Regular business: Review of updated Public Nuisances Ordinance number 17-18

Ordinance was combined from previous blight and noise ordinances. The attorney has looked over and approved.

Rodney made a suggestion to strike the section page 2, number 6 regarding the keeping of bees. Bees can swarm and it would be out of control of the beekeeper to contain the bee colony. Board members agreed.

Regarding the noise section of the ordinance some members disagreed with this section suggesting that property owners with a grievance against a neighbor could use this unnecessarily.

(It was suggested that decibel meter usage wording be added to prove noise levels of a disturbing level. Move to page 2.)

Members received copies of resolution approved by the township for adopting ordinance enforcement procedure which includes hiring of and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, job description, citizen complaint form and policy procedure forms.

Marge made a motion to approve the Public Nuisances Ordinance with the exception of the section on bees, to approve the section regarding blight and it was suggested that decibel meter usage wording be added to prove noise levels of a disturbing level.

Roll call vote taken Bob-yes, Nicole-yes, Wendy-yes, Diane-yes, Marge-yes

Meeting dates for next year will be: April 4, 2018, June 6, 2018, August 1, 2018 and October 3, 2018

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Diane Vaughan  
Secretary