

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pritchard at 7:00PM

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Rebecca Von Drasek, Jennifer Klambauer, John McFarland, Steve Kreitzer Matt Bish, Quorum Established.

**ABSENT:**

Danielle Marion

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki Trustee Mike Constant and members of the Public.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barbara Watne related she's concerned (emergency vehicles / safety reasons) with blocked roads on Walnut N/of Prairie and Christensen W/of Coster. Clerk Losiniecki explained the roads in Royal Estates are still owned by the developer and remain private property.

Kurt Swenson owner of the mini storage at 800 E. Lincoln Ave. expressed his concerns with the processing time for his building permit.

**MOVING OLD BUSINESS AHEAD OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Pritchard asked to have New Business agenda items moved ahead of Old Business as a time saving measure for the scheduled speaker. Rebecca Von Drasek moved to approve the switch seconded by John McFarland.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, Jennifer Klambauer-Aye, John McFarland-Aye, Steven Kreitzer-Aye, Matt Bish-Aye, motion carried.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:**

Matt Bish moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting and was seconded by Rebecca Von Drasek.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, Jennifer Klambauer-Aye, John McFarland-Aye, Steven Kreitzer-Aye, Matt Bish-Aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Smith advised he will be seeking a variance on a 12'X20'X 10' woodshed unknown style. Smith was advised what was needed / required to file a variance request application.

Linda Swensen asked why a variance is needed for the storage unit at 800 E Lincoln Ave. Von Drasek advised Ms. Swensen that a zoning variance was not the issue, but an exemption from the building code as to how the building is constructed. Those types of hearings are not heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Agenda Item:**

Discussion Regarding Economic Development with guest speaker, Jerry Foster, Resource Bank Director of Rural Development.

Mr. Foster spoke of a (Deedrich, II.) mapping processes to identify opportunities to take control of economic development, residential TIF districts, create a strong chamber, village government & strong economic development group. Mr. Foster also discussed how to obtaining low interest loans or grants thru USDA, Rural Development and Advantage Illinois for development within the community. Shabbona received a grant for the state park and community projects. Mr. Foster spoke of a marketing company Golden Shovel, but the services cost money. Mr. Foster mentioned a possible collaboration between Hinckley, Waterman, Shabbona and Big Rock to create a regional economic group.

**Agenda Item:**

Comprehensive Plan & Map Discussion.

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:**

Pritchard shared the Dekalb county foundation grant application and requested feedback via email. Kreitzer inquired if it is possible to hire a grad assistant / intern to track the tax revenue. Kreitzer also recognized Pritchard and Von Drasek for their hard work on putting the grant application together.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eddie Yilmaz & Vanya Dimitrova advised they're thinking of purchasing property between the Dreyer Clinic (741 E Lincoln) and 84 Lumber (801 E Lincoln). They asked if the Village was going to incorporate the property. Von Drasek instructed them on the proper process for rezoning, improvements, and an annexation agreement. Pritchard and Constant agreed to meet with Yilmaz & Dimitrova on May 18, 2022 at 1:00PM at Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM Von Drasek made the motion Bish seconded the motion.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, Jennifer Klambauer-Aye, John McFarland-Aye, Steven Kreitzer-Aye, Matt Bish-Aye, motion carried meeting adjourned.