

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kula at 7:02 PM.

**Present:** Chairman Russ Kula, members Joan Umano, Gerald Bahl, Jason DeBernardi, Danielle Marion, Joe Edmeier. Quorum Established.

**Absent:** Missi Lewis.

**Also Present:** Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village President Nancy Nelson and Trustee Mike Constant.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge to the flag was recited.

**COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM: Previous Meeting Minutes Presentation and Vote**

Joan Umano moved to approve the previous meeting minutes from August 28, 2017 and Jason DeBernardi seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bahl-Aye, Umano-Aye, Kula-Aye, DeBernardi-Aye, Marion-Aye, Edmeier-Aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

° **Agenda item for discussion:** Open Meetings Act training

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that Joe Edmeier and Daniel Roop needed to complete the training.

° **Agenda item for discussion:** Welcome to Hinckley signs

Joan Umano stated that she had contacted Waterman and Shabbona regarding their new signs and was waiting for a response. She also said that she had talked to local business owner, Larry Yaggie, regarding new signs. Discussion followed regarding potential sign locations, size and composition. Potential vendors were also discussed. Estimated budget was brought up and Village President Nelson suggested getting designs and quotes, first. Jerry Bahl stated that many local residents had donated time and materials for the Legion sign at the community building. Additional discussion followed regarding the Globetrotter sign at the high school. Trustee Constant suggested approaching the project in phases. First phase being signs for Route 30; need a new sign for westbound, use lighted Globetrotter sign for eastbound Route 30. Joe Edmeier suggested using a solar light package for the Globetrotter sign to avoid need for permits, trenching, electric.

° **Agenda item for discussion:** DeKalb County Community Foundation (DCCF) Grant

Joan Umano stated that she had been in contact with Anita from the DCCF and that the grant application is on track to be submitted by the November 1, 2017 deadline. Discussion followed regarding establishing an ad hoc committee for the grant writing process. Phase 1 of the grant is for planning – what does Hinckley stand for? What will draw people to Hinckley? Phase 2 is the implementation phase and could span several years. Trustee Constant suggested that the Planning Commission needs to make a recommendation to the Board for approval of the \$1500.00 expenditure request, the creation of the ad hoc committee and the slogan, “Harvesting Our Future”. There was further discussion regarding potential committee members, project plans and timeframes. Joan Umano volunteered to head up the committee. Danielle Marion volunteered to be on the committee.

Mike Constant and Amy Carey will also be on the committee. Consensus among members was reached to recommend to the Board to approve the \$1500.00 grant expenditure and for the creation of the ad hoc committee. All members were in favor of the “Harvesting Our Future” slogan. Mike Constant and Russ Kula both thanked Joan for all of her efforts thus far.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

Joan Umano and Danielle Marion expressed interest in attending the meeting on 09/14/17 with Jolene from the DCCF.

Chairman Kula stated that the next DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2017. President Nelson suggested mentioning the Harrington Family Bakery, Tree City certification efforts, FFA orchard at the High School, pollinator garden, and new sludge storage building.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURMENT**

Motion: Jason DeBernardi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Joan Umano seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

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Russ Kula, Chairman

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Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk