

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 01, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kula at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Russ Kula, Joan Umano, Gerald Bahl (arrived at 7:03pm), Rodney Davis, and Danielle Marion. Quorum Established.

Absent: Joe Edmeier.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki

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

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM: Previous Meeting Minutes – 06/04/18 Presentation and Vote

Chairman Kula moved to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 4, 2018 and Danielle Marion seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Umano-Aye, Davis-Aye, Bahl-Aye, Kula-Aye, Marion-Aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

° **Agenda item for discussion:** Tree City USA & Tree Nursery

Village Clerk Losiniecki provided an overview of the status of the Tree City USA certification process. She stated that the application had been started by Missi Lewis, who had since resigned. Losiniecki stated that Joan Umano had agreed to take on the completion of the application and that a review of the Tree Ordinance will be on the November Planning Commission meeting agenda for review and recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

There was a brief discussion about starting a tree nursery for the replacement of trees in the Village. Mr. Bahl asked that needle bearing trees also be considered for planting.

° **Agenda item for discussion:** DCCF Grant – Harvesting Our Future Update

Danielle Marion stated that DRAFT plan is currently under review and will be delivered in final form by October 7, 2018. There will be a community meeting on November 13, 2018 to discuss the plan and the next phase of the grant process. Joan Umano stated that the plan is a forty page economic development plan from the NIU Center for Governmental Studies group, based on the survey results and input from the small groups that have been meeting. Ms. Umano stated that there are three groups that have been formed: Downtown, Family Support, and Small Business. The downtown group has put out cornstalks and is pursuing murals for the sides of some of the buildings in town. The family support group is focusing on improving communication – especially for new residents. The small business group is working with DeKalb County to line up speakers for business development workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

° **Agenda item for discussion:** Royal Estates

Village Clerk Losiniecki stated that development in Royal Estates was scheduled to begin in the spring

of 2019. Gerald Bahl stated that lot 82 will be the location of the new park and resident Larry Menz stated that lot 27 is where the model home will be. There was discussion regarding the permanent masonry sign, the original annexation agreement and Sycamore Street.

°Agenda item for discussion: Former Crest Property Complaint

Chairman Kula provided an overview of a complaint received regarding chickens, parked trucks and “fill wall” falling down onto neighbor’s property. Resident Larry Menz stated that the trucks are not being stored; they are used by the property owner for his job. Chairman Kula suggested that the Planning Commission review the annexation agreement regarding property issues.

°Agenda item for discussion: Old (west end of town) Welcome to Hinckley Sign

Village Clerk Losiniecki asked for clarification on the origin/ownership of the sign. Mr. Bahl stated that the sign belongs to the Village. Ms. Umano stated that the Harvesting Our Future team is looking into new signs for the Village.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Danielle Marion moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Russell Kula seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Russ Kula, Chairman

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk