

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2017

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

Present: Chairman Russ Kula, Commissioners Gerald Bahl and Jason DeBernardi. Quorum Established.

Absent: Commissioner Lewis.

Also Present: Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Attorney Jessica Briney, Trustee Mike Constant, and HBR Superintendent Travis McGuire.

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

COMMENTS FROM PERSONS PRESENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM: Previous Meeting Minutes Presentation and Vote

Commissioner DeBernardi moved to approve the previous meeting minutes and Chairman Kula seconded. Roll Call Vote: Bahl-Aye, Kula-Aye, DeBernardi-Aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM: HBR Superintendent Travis McGuire spoke regarding the planned fruit orchard at the high school and the need for irrigation. He was presenting the information to the Planning Commission in order to get an idea of the best way to provide water for the irrigation system. Several ideas were discussed, including: using the water from the school (which is treated and therefore, undesirable), digging a well (which could be costly - \$10K?) or go under Route 30 and access the water line (costs unknown). Trustee Constant asked if the property is within Village limits and stated Village of Hinckley ordinance states that private wells require Village approval. Commissioner Bahl stated that the property does not appear to be within Village limits.

AGENDA ITEM: Village of Hinckley Sign Ordinance

Attorney Briney gave a brief review of the purpose of the changes in the sign ordinance and stated the ordinances cannot discriminate against content of signs. She provided some examples and stated that location, size, height, and material are things that can be regulated regarding signs but that content cannot be regulated. Trustee Constant asked if the proposed changes from the attorneys significantly altered the existing ordinance and Attorney Briney said yes, because it changes what you can restrict based on content. Additional discussion followed and Attorney Briney stated that all references to content regulation were taken out of the existing ordinance. Trustee Constant stated that the ordinance references the zoning board of appeals and that the Village of Hinckley doesn't have one, only the Planning Commission. Attorney Briney stated that she would add Planning Commission to the ordinance. Village Clerk Losiniecki provided Attorney Briney with a copy of the current sign permit application and Attorney Briney stated that she would review the application and provide revisions. Commissioner Bahl stated that he would get a copy of Montgomery's sign ordinance for reference. Attorney Briney stated that she would send out a clean (without red-line) copy of the draft sign

ordinance. Chairman Kula suggested that the Planning Commission take time to review the information and discuss again at the next meeting.

Resident Larry Menz asked about the Municode presentation and Chairman Kula stated that the Municode representative lives in Minnesota. Chairman Kula does not want him to have to make a special trip and will try to set up a future date that could include Trustees, as well. Chairman Kula stated that there will be no fee for the seminar.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Chairman Kula stated that he would like all Planning Commission members to provide their contact information to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner DeBernardi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Chairman Kula seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Russ Kula, Chairman

Elizabeth Losiniecki, Village Clerk