

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
720 JAMES STREET
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Sharlene Thomason, Tim Sellers, Steven Kreitzer, Matt Bish,
Quorum Established.

ABSENT:

Frank Bartels, Rebecca Von Drasek

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee, Michael Constant & Russell Kula.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

Approval of the Minutes from the October 2, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Member Kreitzer made the motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded
by Member Bish.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Tim Sellers - Abstained, Steven Kreitzer –
Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of New Planning Commission Member, Tim Sellers

Chairman Pritchard introduced new member Tim Sellers. Member Sellers provided his
personal and professional background. In addition, member Sellers informed the committee
he's a former Village of Hinckley Trustee & joined the Planning Commission so he
can give back to the community.

OLD BUSINESS:**Discussion / Recommendation – Final Review of 2023 Comprehensive Plan with Vote to forward to the Village Board:**

Chairman Pritchard handed out copies of the 2023 comprehensive plan along with a list of business edits. Chairman Pritchard asked the members if there are any other needed edits. Member Kreitzer thanked Chairman Pritchard for his work on the Comprehensive Plan and related with the addition of the business edits he will make the motion to send the revised 2023 Comprehensive Plan to the Village Board for vote / approval; which was seconded by Member Bish

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Tim Sellers - Aye, Steven Kreitzer – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, motion carried.

Discussion – Proposed Landscape Ordinance:

Chairman Pritchard handed out a revision of the proposed landscape ordinance, then thanked Member Kreitzer for his work on the ordinance. The additional detail Chairman Pritchard put in the proposed ordinance came from other villages and the current Village of Hinckley tree ordinance. Member Kreitzer thanked Chairman Pritchard for his written contributions to the landscape ordinance.

Chairman Pritchard addressed the enforcement section by utilizing current language (from other sections / chapters) within the Hinckley Village code.

Trustee Constant inquired if the entire proposed landscape ordinance is to be added to the code of ordinances. If this ordinance is to be added, it would supersede any current or referenced ordinances and those ordinances will need to be deleted.

The Planning Commission will continue to review & revise the proposed landscape ordinance.

Update on Economic Development Grant:

Chairman Pritchard provided member Sellers a background on the Economic Development Grant Program.

Chairman Pritchard advised the members that Rachael is currently under budget & will continue to work on the Hinckleyhub website and promotions.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:

Member Thomason asked if there is any movement on appointing a tree board. Chairman Pritchard advised he doesn't believe a tree board is being appointed at this time.

Chairman Pritchard added that the Prairie Project near the Solar Project is still being considered as a recreational opportunity for both children and adults.

Member Kreitzer inquired about a sidewalk ordinance. Chairman Pritchard advised while attending Village Board Meetings the sidewalk issue came up reference the safety for the children walking to school. Trustee Kulla (Member of the Public) advised he has attempted to apply for a sidewalk grant but was informed by the state of Illinois that all grant money has

been accounted for. Trustee Constant advised Royal Estates will install sidewalks which is part of their agreement.

Chairman Pritchard advised the commission will revisit the sidewalk ordinance.

Trustee Constant spoke on behalf of the Village Board where he thanked the Planning Commission members for all of their work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn Member Thomason made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by member Bish.

ALL IN-FAVOR VOTE:

Chairman Robert Pritchard – Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Tim Sellers– Aye, Steven Kreitzer – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, Motion Carried to Adjourn.

Chairman, Robert Pritchard

Deputy Clerk, John P. Weibler