

VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Sharlene Thomason, Rebecca Von Drasek, Matt Bish, - Quorum Established.

ABSENT:

Frank Bartles & Tim Sellers

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee, Mike Constant , & Members of the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Chairman Pritchard asked the members for a motion to adjust / amend the agenda and move Planning Commission Comments, Project Updates, & Other information to the beginning of the meeting so Dean Johnson may speak. Member Von Drasek made the motion to amend / adjust the agenda which was seconded by Member Bish.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Robert Pritchard – Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:

Chairman Pritchard introduced Dean Johnson to the commission.

Mr. Johnson advised he works for the DeKalb County Soil & Water Conversation District & since 2016 he has been the district coordinator. Mr. Johnson spoke of Water Shed Planning; ie: awareness through education, managing natural green infrastructure, improving surface water quality, agricultural techniques, protecting underground water & how to mitigate existing & future flood problems. Water Shed plans are all voluntary which involves the residential community, farmers and local government working together.

Chairman Pritchard asked Mr. Johnson to explain the process in developing a water shed plan. Mr. Johnson advised the plan is a comprehensive study of the watershed. The plan is developed by a chosen consultant who will submit the application. After the watershed plan is approved by the EPA, the community becomes eligible for watershed grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

None.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

Approval of the Minutes from the August 5, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to approve the August 5, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as written; Member Von Drasek made the motion to approve which was seconded by Member Bish

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion / Interest in Filing an Illinois Park District Open Space Grant.

Chairman Pritchard asked the members, should the commission research funding to support a prairie garden / walking path on the vacant land purchased by the village for a solar garden. Chairman Pritchard advised there are grants available & the DeKalb County Forest Preserve will provide contacts that will assist with the open area planning. The commission agreed it is worthwhile pursuing grants.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion / Use of the Remaining Balance of the Marketing Grant

Chairman Pritchard related there is approx. \$12,000.00 remaining in the marketing grant account. He asked the members to provide ideas, at the next meeting, on how the money should be spent.

Discussion / Update of 84 Lumber Annexation & Rezoning

Chairman Pritchard advised the commission 84 Lumber wishes to annex the property east of the main building. The village attorney has sent a draft annexation agreement to 84 Lumber, but their representative has not responded.

Member Von Drasek related she is concerned with the barb wire fencing & possible transportation issues with the entrance / exit on Rt. 30.

Status of 2024 Building Permits.

Chairman Pritchard advised the commission 79 building permits have been issued by the village for year 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn, Member Thomason made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Member Von Drasek.

MAJORITY VOTE:

Chairman Robert Pritchard – Aye, Sharlene Thomason – Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek – Aye, Matt Bish – Aye, Majority Vote Carried.

Chairman, Robert Pritchard

Deputy Clerk, John P. Weibler