

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2023**

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:

Steven Kreitzer

ALSO PRESENT:

Trustee, Mike Constant, & Members of the Public.

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 April 17, 2023 Public Hearing.

Member Matt Bish made the motion to approve the April 17, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes which was seconded by Sharlene Thomason.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

Approval of the Minutes from the April 17, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Member Matt Bish made the motion to approve the April 17, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes which was seconded by Rebecca Von Drasek.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:

Approval of the Minutes from the May 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Member Rebecca Von Drasek made the motion to approve the May 1, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes which was seconded by Sharlene Thomason.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Marketing Assistant Discussion & Update:

The Marketing Assistant submitted her invoice.

Chairman Pritchard advised the Dekalb County Convention & Visitor Bureau toured Hinckley & there is a plan for the Aurora Convention & Visitor Bureau to tour Hinckley to help promote events. Also, Rachel has been working on the festival slated for June 24, 2023.

Discussion of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan:

Chairman Pritchard advised the PC Members that they were provided a working draft of the comprehensive plan. Member Rebecca Von Drasek advised she has updated census data and the numbers from the 2020 data appear to be consistent. There are a few discrepancies and she will go over the data.

Chairman Pritchard inquired if any other information under Data Presentation needed to be added; i.e., Housing starts, types of housing.

Chairman Pritchard inquired if any other information is needed under Goals & Strategies.

Chairman Pritchard advised the data charts are from the prior comprehensive plan & the center for governmental studies to provided the 2010 data.

Member Sharlene Thomason asked (RE: Residential Development) if there are any incentives or programs to have people move into town? Chairman Pritchard related the comprehensive plan does not address the tactics.

Chairman Pritchard advised Telecommunications needs to be verified. Member Thomason advised she will confirm the legitimacy of the internet companies in the report.

Chairman Pritchard related the superintendent provided the district data.

Chairman Pritchard inquired if there should be a section on “Safety”. Then asked if the police chief should provide a report on the crimes that occur in the village. Member Rebecca Von Drasek related the report should include Hazard mitigation & the inability to get to the homes south of the train tracks if there is a derailment.

Member Rebecca Von Drasek believes under Goals the idea of promoting the natural areas i.e., Tree City & at some point the village should be able to add the natural areas near the wastewater plant.

Trustee, Constant, advised the village has an established tree board but they're not in place. Member Rebecca Von Drasek suggested A Goal of re-establishing the tree board, taking a tree inventory & completion of the nature area.

Discussion of The Landscape Ordinance:

Chairman Pritchard advised Member Kreitzer has not completed a revised ordinance. Member Rebecca Von Drasek suggested East Lincoln Ave. near the high school and storage unit could use a landscape visual break i.e.: a hedge row. The landscape ordinance should be easy to enforce & encourage the use of screening to soften the appearance.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:

Discussion & Possible Suggestions for Two New Planning Commission Members

Members did not have any suggestions for the two vacant seats.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Bish made the motion for an all-in favor vote to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Member Von Drasek.

MAJORITY VOTE:

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

Chairman, Robert Pritchard

Deputy Clerk, John P. Weibler