

**VILLAGE OF HINCKLEY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pritchard at 7:00PM

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Robert Pritchard, Rebecca Von Drasek, John McFarland, Steve Kreitzer Matt Bish,  
Quorum Established.

**ABSENT:**

Danielle Marion, Jennifer Klambauer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Clerk Elizabeth Losiniecki, Trustee Mike Constant and members of the  
Public.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PRESENTATION & VOTE:**

Rebecca Von Drasek moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting  
and was seconded by Matt Bish.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Robert Pritchard- Aye, Rebecca Von Drasek-Aye, John McFarland-Aye, Steven Kreitzer-Aye,  
Matt Bish-Aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item:**

**Recommendations from Jerry Foster**

Pritchard opened the discussion referencing Jerry Foster's cover letter. Pritchard advised the  
Village of Shabbona received Grants from the State of Illinois ITEP grant program in the amount  
of 440,000.00 & 1.3 million. A recommendation from Jerry Foster is Hinckley should develop an  
Economic develop group. Clerk Losiniecki noted that Mike Constant is currently in charge of the  
Finance & Economic Development as a Village Trustee.

Another organization mentioned was Illinois Rural Affairs which can assist in stimulating voluntarism in Hinckley. Von Drasek agreed to reach out to the organization for additional information. Also mentioned was Main Street America, this organization provided money to Genoa & Kirkland for their downtown improvements.

As a side note Von Drasek advised a woman in Peoria used social media to attract 156 Families to move into Peoria.

**Agenda Item:**

**DCCF Grant for Marketing Plan Implementation – Search for an Intern**

DCCF grant has been filed, but how is an intern hired. Kreitzer advised he can reach out to his contacts who may provide information on interns. Kreitzer inquired if the intern would work remotely, with the concern being, how would they remain connected to the community. Pritchard advised updating the website would need to be the first order of business. Pritchard further advised it would be a good idea to talk with Sara Quirk & Michelle Larson regarding interns & he will reach out to NIU.

**Agenda Item:**

**Land Use Map Review**

Pritchard asked if there should be any modifications to the land use map. Kreitzer inquired about commercial expansion. Pritchard asked about Royal Estates, where Clerk Losiniecki advised there is a potential buyer for the remaining vacant lots. Von Drasek would like to see the map revised because (in her opinion) the current size and shape are not appropriate any longer. She would like to reduce the amount of residential zoning and focus on where the Planning Commission sees appropriate future growth. A discussion was held on public input and public hearings for the future design of the map. Further discussion revealed the possibility of hiring professionals for map design and text input for the comprehensive plan and the importance of an updated the Zoning Ordinance, Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**Commonwealth Edison Open Land Grant- Steven Kreitzer**

Kreitzer advised there is a \$10,000.00 grant which requires a matching amount of money for parks and recreation. The grant will not be available until 2023. Kreitzer mentioned fund raising as an option to assist with matching \$10,000.00.

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS, PROJECT UPDATES, OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Item**

**Zoning Ordinance Review**

Von Drasek believes there needs to be clarity with the zoning ordinance in reference to fencing and sheds. Pritchard inquired as to what the best approach is to change the code of ordinances and zoning ordinances; use other towns of equal size ordinances or hire a professional.

The question was brought up as to why the Solar Ordinance has not moved forward. Mike Constant said the Solar Ordinance will be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Pritchard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM Bish made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Von Drasek. Pritchard asked for an all-in favor voice vote which carried, meeting adjourned.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

None