
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Hillsdale City Hall
Council Chambers
November 15, 2023
5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

II. Members Present

- A. Members Present: Chairman Eric Moore, Commissioner William Morrissey, Commissioner Elias McConnell, Commissioner Kerry Laycock, Commissioner Penny Swan, Commissioner Roma Rogers
- B. Public Present: Zoning Administrator Alan Beeker, Lorissa Mekelburd, Jack McLain, Lisa Martin, Aaron Freese
- C. Members Absent: Vice Chair Ron Scholl

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Consent Agenda and Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the Consent items with change of Carolyn Freese not being a victim of the flooding made by Commissioner Swan, seconded by Commissioner Morrissey, motion approved unanimously.

V. Public Hearing

- A. Sec. 36-436 Accessory Structure Ordinance
 - i. No public comment
 - ii. Motion to approve and send to council by Commissioner Swan, second by Morrissey, motion approved unanimously
- B. Citizen Participation Plan
 - i. Commissioner comments
 - 1. Morrissey asks about motion of library board, suggest library board should be on it
 - ii. Motion to approve/move in amended form by Commissioner Morrissey, second by Commissioner Swan, motion approved unanimously

VI. Old Business

- A. Rezoning 3005 W Carlton
 - i. The plan is to fence the entire area and rezone for self storage
 - ii. Conversation regarding easement access and which properties will have easement access in perpetuity
 - iii. Conversation regarding cutting down of trees and assured minimal trees will need harvested for storage building and lots
 - iv. Homelessness issue behind “Wicker Works” building should be solved by this building

- v. Motion for council to approve rezoning by commissioner Swan, second by Commissioner Rogers, motion approved unanimously

VII. New Business
None

VIII. Zoning Administrator Report
None

IX. Commissioner's Comments

- A. Airport informational meeting suggested by Commissioner Morrissey to bring in airport engineers to explain what is going on
- B. Motion by Commissioner Morrissey to have informational meeting regarding airport topography, drainage for both airport and surrounding neighborhoods for the future January PC meeting, seconded by commissioner Swan, approved unanimously

X. Public Comment

Aaron Freese – asks what is going on with airport, what is Planning Commission doing regarding alleged flooding issue regarding airport

Lorissa Meckelberg– Lives on Wildwood Dr., flood victim, thanks Planning Commission for their work, wants responsibility taken by whomever is at fault

Lisa Martin – lives on Wildwood Dr., concerned that original engineering is at fault and possibly the same engineering firm that caused the flooding

Jack McLain – asks about who approves the building at airport due to the property technically residing in Adams Township

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Laycock moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Swan seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

XII. Next meeting: December 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm.