



Planning Commission
97 North Broad Street
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242-1695
(517) 437-6440 Fax: (517) 437-6450

Meeting Minutes
Planning Commission
April 17, 2024

- I. Call to Order 5:30 pm Meeting called to order at 5:30.
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call Laycock; Moore; Kniffin; McConnell; Morrisey; Bruns--all present. Rogers--absent.
II. Public Comment None. Joining the meeting were the following members of the public: Sidd Vijaypai; Andrew Shaw; Chris Grzenkowicz.
III. Consent Items Laycock motioned to approve; seconded by Morrisey; all in favor.
A. Approval of agenda
B. Approval of Planning Commission 3/20/2024 minutes
IV. Site Plan Review City Planner Alan Beeker gave a brief overview with support from Aldi representatives. After brief questioning from Laycock, he motioned to approve, seconded by McConnell; all in favor.
A. 3891 W Carleton - Aldi
V. Old Business VI. A. The Commissioners engaged in a lengthy discussion about the relative merits of a billboard ban versus a limitation on the brightness of signs, particularly backlit signs. The commission decided to ask Beeker to investigate possible sign lighting limitations, to be discussed at the next meeting.
No old business
VI. B. Commissioner McConnell recused himself. After a short discussion, Commissioner Laycock motioned to approve the land division, seconded by Bruns. All in favor, except McConnell, who abstained.
VI. C. Beeker volunteered to submit the PC's annual report to City Council. Morrisey motioned to approve, seconded by Bruns; all in favor.
VI. (1) Beeker said that he believes the city should look into reforming section 18 of the municipal code in order to meet the new schedule of regulations.
(2) He also suggested investigating 36-5 of the code as a means to encourage new build homes in town by decreasing the minimum house footprint square footage.
(3) Opening in May: Meijer; Ethan's Donuts; in August: a brewery, Pizza and coffee. The Kefer project is moving.
VII. Zoning Administrator Report
VIII. Commissioners' Comments Commissioner Kniffin described his recent experience at the Mitchell research center.
IX. Public Comment Any Commission related item - 3 min. limit
None.
X. Adjournment Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Moore motioned to adjourn at 6:40 PM, seconded by Laycock; all in favor.