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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

HILLSDALE CITY HALL,

97 N. Broad Street

February 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Eric Moore opened the meeting at 5:01pm.

Members present: Commissioners Eric Moore, Secretary Penny Swan, Mayor Pro-tem Will Morrissey, Elias McConnell, Jacob Parker.

Members absent: Ron Scholl, Chair Sam Nutter

Others Present: Alan Beeker

Public Present: Mary Wolfram

II. Public Comment

Mary Wolfram spoke as a representative of the Heritage Association, and as an individual resident of the City of Hillsdale, Mary spoke on some of the homes being built in Hillsdale, she was encouraging the planning commission to consider keeping homes being built in line with the historic architecture of Hillsdale. She was specifically talking about some of the pole barn type buildings being built in Hillsdale.

III. Consent Items and Agenda

Commissioner Swan moved to approve minutes and agenda, Commissioner Morrissey seconded, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearing on Capital Improvement

Opened at 5:42pm by Commissioner Moore.

Alan Beeker spoke how Jack McClain had spoken at a City Council meeting about an issue in the TIFA budget about roadwork at Manning and West that was not in the TIFA district. Alan also discussed the road diet and information from MDOT.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:01pm

Motion made by Commissioner Morrissey to send the Capital Improvement Plan to City Council, Commissioner McConnell seconded, Motion carried.

V. Old Business

Zoning Board of Appeals liaison.

Commissioner Swan volunteered to fill the position, motion to appoint Commissioner Swan as the planning commission liaison to the ZBA made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Parker, motion carried.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Master Plan Review

Alan Beeker spoke on the joint meeting on Jan 25th between the Hillsdale City Council, TIFA, Planning Commission, and the EDC, the visions that came up during that meeting for the City and the things he

has been working on since that meeting. He asked the planning commission to give him input on more ideas to work on making Hillsdale a more pleasant, walkable, and drivable city.

VIII. Zoning Ordinance Review

Alan Beeker discussed a few ordinances he would like to address this year if possible.

IX. Zoning Administrator Report

Alan Beeker spoke on the Region 2 Act and what it means for the planning commission and changes they are trying to make.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Swan, seconded by Commissioner Morrisey, Motion carried at 6:58pm.

Next meeting: March 17, 2020 at 5:30 pm.