

HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Heath Township Planning Commission met on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall in Hamilton, Michigan.

Members Present: Don Wickstra, Chairman
Hilda Boerman
Michael Stork
Randy Poll
Mike Phillips

Also present was Bob Jones, Zoning Administrator.

The minutes from the May 19, 2016 meeting were approved on the motion of Poll supported by Phillips and passed unanimously.

ITEM 1

Reviewed the Future Land Use map which the state requires be done every 5 years. Greg Ransford, Planner reviewed the map. Between 132nd and 134th along M-40 is planned for industrial and a quarter is unused. One acre to 115 people is what industrial should be. Mike Stork noted with the lack of utilities, it is hard to build here. Don questioned what happens when industrial abuts residential.

Bob noted it is nice when your industrial use matches your master plan. The two map issues Bob would like to see addressed are Consumers Energy and the old eggplant.

Discussion followed on making a few lots on 135th commercial and eliminating a small strip of industrial. Members would like to see behind Hungry for Christ be all commercial. Bob would need to review the tax maps first. Questions arose on the zoning on 42nd, 44th and 134th.

Bob would like this board to review the map, drive around, look at the properties and call him with any questions they may have. He will get them a map showing where the property lines are now. He also stated current zoning and future land use may not match. Zoning in agriculture requires a 5 acre lot and residential is 2 acre and there is not a lot of ag land in the township. Requiring larger acreage in ag does not preserve farm land. Randy Poll would like to see consistency.

Mike Phillips would like to see the CHS property addressed soon.

Greg recommends eliminating the classifications on the use of the land and to eliminate the public/quasi-public districts.

Bob will bring his laptop to the next meeting to help review questions the members may have.

ITEM 2

Bob did the annual review of the sand mine and it looks good. There are signs and gates and dust control. He has had no complaints in the last year. It is a very neat operation and they have done a nice job.

ITEM 3

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 on the motion of Stork supported by Phillips and passed unanimously. The next meeting will be August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by secretary Sheila Meiste.