



## **Planning Commission**

Michael Jansma, Chairman

Mary Hopkins, Secretary : Mike Rosema : Wayne Ferris : Rick Roberson (Board Trustee)

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## **Special Meeting 5/11/2023**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jansma.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Jansma, Roberson, Ferris

Absent: Hopkins, Rosema

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Roberson, supported by Ferris to approve the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0

#### **Correspondence**

Chairman Jansma indicated he had received and read an email from Mr. Draper about Hi-Cloud's operation, but had not yet gone into any specific points made. As this meeting is not covering any official action, it would not be prudent to discuss. Chairman Jansma stated he would bring it up in June's regular meeting.

#### **Presentation by McKenna**

Chairman Jansma welcomed Jeff Keesler from McKenna to begin his presentation for the Kickoff meeting for the Master Plan re-write. Mr. Keesler reviewed Census data for the township, housing figures, and other demographic data.

Mr. Keesler gave a brief overview of the next steps the Commission would have to take. We are required by law to notify neighboring municipalities and the County that we intend to rewrite our Master Plan. This process will be taken care of immediately. We talked about dates for the next meetings. We will continue this conversation in June.

We then reviewed the current Master Plan as it stands. The current Plan was written in 2009 and renewed as required by law in 2014 and 2019. The updates only dealt with demographic and census data and no real fundamental changes were made. We then looked over the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis from the original plan. We were able to remove several problem items for the Township such as lack of access to high-speed internet and roads, but were able to identify some economic problems that still pose a threat to the Township and the Hesperia area. We opened this portion of the meeting up to public input and were able to have a constructive dialogue with residents and stakeholders about how this process works and their feelings on the SWOT analysis from the original plan. There was robust discussion and involvement from the community members present.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments, as the bulk of questions that would have been posed came in the discussion with Mr. Keesler.

### **Zoning Administrator Update**

Steve Micklin, Zoning Administrator gave us a very brief update on Zoning matters, with some new permits being issued or applied for. Steve then reminded us and those present about the Spring Clean-up Day that is scheduled for June 3, 2023 from 8-1 and encouraged volunteers to come and help, and residents to bring their waste.

### **Commissioners' Discussion:**

There was no discussion.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Jansma asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Roberson supported by Ferris to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0 to end the meeting. Chairman Jansma thanked those in attendance and wished all a Happy Mother's Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Michael Jansma