

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of February 9, 2015

Call to Order: Chairman Gurski called the February 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:33p.m. At the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present:

Ted Gurski, Chairman

Lloyd Kernen, Commissioner

AC Alrey, Commissioner

Mark Cornwell, Commissioner

Tony Engelberg, Commissioner

Shane Mooney, Commissioner

Mark McHalpine, Commissioner (late)

Also Present

Karin Winchester, Clerk

John Jackson, McKenna Associates Township Planner

- **Commissioner Alrey moved to excuse Commission McHalpine. Commissioner Engelberg supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

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Commissioner McHalpine arrived to the meeting at 6:50.

Agenda Approval:

- **Commissioner Engelberg moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Public Hearing: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2015

- **Commissioner Engelberg moved to postpone the minutes of January 12, 2015 to the next meeting. Commissioner Alrey supported the motion. A voice vote was**

taken; all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.

Communications: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

- **Commissioner Cornwell moved to elect Ted Gurski as Chair. Commissioner Engelberg supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Kernen, yes; Cornwell, yes; Engelberg, yes; Mooney, yes; Alrey, yes, Gurski, abstained; the motion carried by a 6/0/1 vote.**

- **Commissioner Cornwell moved to elect Lloyd Kernen for vice chair. Commissioner Engelberg supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mooney, yes; Cornwell, yes; Engelberg, yes; Alrey, yes, Gurski, yes; Kernen, abstained; the motion carried by a 6/0/1 vote.**

- **Commissioner Engelberg moved to elect Mark Cornwell for secretary. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Cornwell, abstained; Engelberg, yes; Alrey, yes; Gurski, yes; Kernen, yes; Mooney, yes; the motion carried by a 6/0/1 vote.**

2. Master Plan.

John Jackson said that some progress can be made tonight by beginning some projects. He passed out some documents to the planning commissioners of what he did for another township that they could possibly use as a base for evolving. The proposed work plan is what he is looking the most forward to, updating the Master Plan, Pursuing the first section towards trail ways and safety paths and then possibly moving towards text amendments. This is what the Planning Commission needs to do in order to communicate to the Board on what they would like to work on for consideration during budgeting. John stated that he would assemble a draft to have at the next planning commission meeting for the commission to submit to the board.

He recommended that the Planning Commission review the Master Plan, submit into the minutes that the Master Plan is still relevant and everything is documented.

Commissioner Cornwell asked for clarification, that the Planning Commission would just be approving, extending the existing Master Plan. John said based on the validation of it, yes.

Chairman Gurski asked what kind of time line John is looking at. John said that the time frame was touched last month and there are some activity that they want to be ready for like the RV Park and the North end of town and pushing for a high tech area development and Fish Lake Road etc. This will cover the Planning Commission while these things are updated. He also suggested coming up with a sub-committee and setting up some dates.

Commissioner Engelberg asked how many people would be in the subcommittee. John said three commissioners plus an alternate. Chairman Gurski asked if this would be a compensated committee or volunteer. Clerk Winchester confirmed that it would be voluntary and not paid.

Commissioner Kernen asked what all the committee would be responsible for doing. John stated that it would be assisting in updating the Master Plan, a map with all of the special areas and topics to focus on; more so an addendum to the Master Plan that would be titled the 2015 Update. This would be a six month process, perhaps a few meetings the first few months.

Chairman Gurski stated that he would be willing to but would like to see it set up to where if he is unable to be there, someone else could snap in and fill in and get some experience on it. This way, all of the planning commissioners would be up to speed.

John recommended looking at goals and tasks and implementation. The process would need some background stuff including demographics and off road etc. so that the commission knows what context they are working in. Then get public input, get the participants to assist with a vision layout for the Township. Secondly, what do you see the commercial development looking like or what would you like to see. Then the commission can come back and start evolving based on that. Tapping into some existing networks may be the most productive.

Commissioner Kernen said he is looking forward to getting together and start talking about it and moving forward.

Commissioner Cornwell asked about new or more potential pressing issues now that the E.T. Rover Pipeline is no longer an issue for the moment. Commissioner Engelberg asked about fracking. Commissioner Mooney brought up the oil drilling in Macomb that it stipulated that townships and cities cannot exclude it but can limit it. John said that he can look into it.

Commissioner Alrey highly recommended that everyone go through their Master Plan.

Commissioner McHalpine said that there were two things that they were debating last month, but that the economy someday is going to come back and the township will be faced with these issues again.

Commissioner Cornwell spoke about the Tour of the LEED Certified Health Facility with the Holly Area Community Forums Group.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Adjournment

Chairman Gurski, hearing no other business, adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.