

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of December 04, 2018

Call to Order: Chairman Engelberg called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. At the Karl Richter Community Center, Holly Area Schools Board Room, 920 E. Baird St, Holly Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Tony Engelberg, Chairman
Pat Feeney, Commissioner
AC Alrey, Commissioner
Lloyd Kernen, Commissioner
Glen Mitchell, Commissioner
Stacey Steckley, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mike Deem, Township Planner

Members Absent:

Ted Gurski, Commissioner

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Gurski. Commissioner Mitchell supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

Agenda Approval:

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to approve the agenda, as is. Commissioner Mitchell supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 5/0 vote.**

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only: N.A.

Commissioner Alrey arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Public Hearings: Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance.

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to open the public hearing on Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**
- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to close the public hearing on Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance.**

Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.

Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2018.

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Communications:

1. Notice dated October 11, 2018 from Tyrone Township re: Notice of Intent to Update Master Plan.

Old Business:

1. **Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance.**

Mike Deem, Township Planner, reviewed the current draft of the ordinance.

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to approve the Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations: Add Section – Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Ordinance. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

2. **Blight Ordinance - Dumpsters.**

Mike Deem, Township Planner, reviewed the language for the Commercial dumpsters.

- **Postponed until next meeting.**

3. **Amendment to Animal Ordinance – Class 3 Animals, which includes Chickens.**

A Public Hearing for the Amendment to the Animal Ordinance – Class 3 Animals, which includes Chickens, is scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting – January 15, 2019.

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Amendment to the Animal Ordinance – Class 3 Animals, including Chickens, is scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting – January 15, 2019. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

New Business:

1. **Annual Planning Commission Report.**

The Township Planner put together a brief history of the events that were covered over the past year – 2018.

Reports:

Commissioner Alrey questioned the Commissioners on where they were at with a farewell certificate being made for Ted Gurski. Amy Fowlkes will discuss this with Supervisor Kullis and email everyone. He thinks the Planning Commission should do something special for Ted, in addition to the Township. Chairman Engelberg will add this to the agenda for their next meeting.

Commissioner Feeney reported that he would like the Board to come up with goals or hot topics for 2019 to add to the Commission Report that Mike Deem is working on.

Commissioner Mitchell reported he would like clarification of the definition of “Permitted Use” is. Does this mean, with a permit, or an allowed use of an area in general? Maybe you could re-word it to instead say something such as “Use with Permit”?

Chairman Engelberg reported he was upset to hear that a five-person committee sent a proposal to Lansing saying that Cities, Townships and Villages do not have the right to protect their woodlands, rather that the State of Michigan should be put in charge of the decision. The Commission works well together, debates discussion and has fun. He thanks everyone for their hard work and input throughout the year.

A reminder that the next meeting is January 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: N.A.

Adjournment

Chairman Engelberg, hearing no other business; adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Courtney Scian
Recording Secretary