

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of January 15, 2019

Call to Order: Chairman Engelberg called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:32 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
Stacey Steckley, Commissioner
Pat Feeney, Commissioner
AC Alrey, Commissioner
Glen Mitchell, Commissioner
Lloyd Kernen, Commissioner
Ray Kerton, Commissioner

Others Present:

John Jackson, Township Planner
Karin Winchester, Clerk
Amy Fowlkes, Code Enforcer

Agenda Approval:

The date on top of the agenda says 2018 but should say 2019.

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

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only: None.

Public Hearings: Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-145 Maintenance of Animals (Chickens).

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to open the hearing on Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-145 Maintenance of Animals (Chickens). Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

John Jackson, Township Planner, reviewed the current ordinance language and proposed changes. The Commission would like to see descriptions of each class of animals shown within the ordinance so that it does not need to be looked up each time.

Public Comment:

Cherrie Millington, 300 Quick Rd, addressed the board.

(Commissioner Feeney arrived at 6:39 pm.)

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to close the hearing on Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-145 Maintenance of Animals (Chickens). Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Approval of Minutes – December 04, 2018.

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Communications: Flyer from Headwater Trails for a January 26, 2019 Owl Walk to be held at 5pm at the Methodist Church. Contact Sue Julian for details.

Old Business:

1. Blight Ordinance – Dumpsters.

John Jackson, Township Planner, reviewed the current ordinance draft language.

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to Table the discussion until the February 5, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

2. Amendment to Chapter 32 Zoning, Article IV Supplementary Regulations, Section 32-145 Maintenance of Animals (Chickens).

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to send the ordinance as is to the Township Board for approval. Commissioner Alrey supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Commissioner Steckley; No, Commissioner Feeney; No, Commissioner Kerton; No, Commissioner Kernan; No, Chairman Engelberg; No. Commissioner Mitchell; Yes, Commissioner Alrey; Yes. The motion failed by a 5/2 vote.**
- **Chairman Engelberg made a motion to Table this until the next meeting. Commissioner Alrey supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes, with the exception of Commissioner Mitchell voting No; the motion carried by a 6/1 vote.**

New Business:**1. Election of Officers.**

Chairman Tony Engelberg was nominated to serve as Chairman for another term.

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to approve Tony Engelberg as Chairman of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Mitchell supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Commissioner Stacey Steckley was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman for the upcoming term.

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to approve Tony Engelberg Stacey Steckley as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Kernan supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Commissioner Ray Kerton was nominated to serve as Secretary for the upcoming term.

- **Commissioner Alrey made a motion to approve Tony Engelberg Ray Kerton as Secretary ~~Chairman~~ of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

2. Recognition for Ted Gurski.

Chairman Engelberg stated that he along with the Commission is grateful for everything Ted Gurski has done for the Township. An option to possibly have a ceremony where they plant a tree in recognition of his service, as well as having a certificate of recognition printed and framed, was appreciated by all. They noted this would have to be paid for out of their own pockets.

Reports:

Commissioner Feeny reported that the Township Board is considering the Wind Ordinance at the next meeting. The Shiawassee River has received a State designation, which is good to see. He would like to see a tree survey done in the Township.

Commissioner Alrey reported that he would like to remind the Commissioners that in his training, they highly recommend you to say, "I make a motion to..." with the title of the item, rather than saying "So moved". Saturday is the Holly Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. There is a VFW Auxiliary in Holly and it is promoting veterans. You must have a parent or spouse that was in the military and served overseas to join the auxiliary. They are looking for new members.

Commissioner Kernen reported he is glad to have Ray on board. Welcome.

Commissioner Mitchell reported he is glad it's a new year. Welcome to Ray.

Commissioner Steckley welcomed Ray to the board. There is a Senior Activity Day at Karl Richter campus on Thursdays from 1-4pm.

Commissioner Kerton stated he is glad to have joined the Board, thanks for having him.

Chairman Engelberg reported he is thankful for the board members being able to work together so well. He enjoys being on the Commission and appreciates the discussions that come out of it because they work well together. He stated he attended a Holly Township Parks and Rec meeting last week with Commissioner Feeney. Parks and Rec is trying to be more transparent with their accounting paperwork and is also trying to bring the department up to date using new technology.

Public Comment:

Neil Billington, 3300 Quick Rd, addressed the Board.

Cherie Billington, 3300 Quick Rd, addressed the Board.

Denise Cantu, 15600 Falk Rd, addressed the Board.

Stacy Taylor, 15566 Falk Rd, addressed the Board.

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to add additional 3 minutes times to Stacy Taylor's comment time. Commissioner Feeney supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Angie Lemon, 116 College St, addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Chairman Engelberg, hearing no other business; adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Courtney Scian
Recording Secretary