

**Hamilton Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes for December 11, 2018**

Call to order by Melanie Conway at 6:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Mike Conway, Melanie Conway, Marsha McKee, Linda Barkell and Rick LaBoda

Staff Present: Mark Janeczko BEO and Zoning Administrator

Guests: 3

Speaker: Stacey Stocking

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda reviewed by all present and motion by McKee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Conway to approve the agenda with additions. First addition is under Unfinished Business- add C. Review Penalty in the Police Power Ordinances and the second addition is under Next Regular Meeting-add Finalize Police Power Ordinances. All in Favor, M/C.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Barkell read the minutes of 11-13-2018 to all present. Motion by Mike Conway and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McKee to approve the minutes with corrections. 2 corrections are spelling and the last is under Unfinished Business: Cemetery Ordinance. Melanie Conway will be contacting Stacey Stocking. All in Favor, M/C.

**Public Comments:** none

**Cemetery Ordinance:** Mr. Stocking presented information in regard to stacking of vaults in a grave, scatter areas for cremains, niches or crypts for cremains. Stacking concerns are water levels in the cemetery, weight of one vault on another and possible damage to vaults when digging. He did offer his help and information in regard to purchasing a crypt for cremains. Cost would be between \$10000 to \$12000 and hold 28 to 32 cremains. Discussed a scatter area/tree. After further discussion it was deemed not feasible at this time. Mr. Stocking will be sending us further information.

**Reports:** Zoning Administrators report given at the Board meeting on 11-1-2018 Copy of report is in the minutes cabinet.

**New Business:** Welcome to Rick LaBoda, newest member of the Planning Commission. Motion by Mike Conway and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McKee to nominate LaBoda as the new Vice Chair. All in Favor, M/C. We then reviewed dates for 2019 Planning Commission Meetings and motion by Mike Conway and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaBoda to accept the dates for 2019. The meeting dates for 2019 will be: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10. All in Favor, M/C. We reviewed the Terms of Board Members and will finalize this at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**Unfinished Business: Solar Ordinance:** Melanie provided us a copy of Mecosta County's Solar Ordinance. She read it to all present. Melanie is still working on obtaining more information. We also discussed bonding, land sizes, zoning permits and general ordinance language. Melanie is contacting Cherryland Coop for information. **Cemetery Ordinance:** We are all in agreement to investigate a crypt type above the ground vault for cremains. Stacking is not an option at this time due to water issues. Scatter area is not an option at this time. **Penalties** new paragraph Section C will read: **Third**

**Violation(within two years after municipal civil infraction)** Any property owner or legally responsible party who violates any provision of this Ordinance a third time within 24 months of the date of a civil infraction ticket is issued (whether the violation of this Ordinance is for the same offense as a civil infraction or violation of this Ordinance) shall upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine of \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for a period of not more than 93 days, plus court costs and costs of prosecution that may be ordered by the court. For purposes of this Ordinance, each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. **Marijuana Ordinance** was adopted by the Township Board on December 1, 2018.

Rick Whisler, President of the Birch Hills Sportsman’s Club was asking for a zero-foot set back on the backyard for lots in their association. He will be sending over rules for review.

Mark asked that we include “Pallets” as part of the Junk definition in the Junk and Blight Ordinance.

**Next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

We will review Zoning Ordinance Article’s 1, 2, 3 & 4  
Finalize Police Power Ordinances.

Motion by Mike Conway and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McKee to adjourn at 7:56 PM. All in favor, M/C

Linda Barkell.