

**Hamilton Township
Planning Commission
Minutes of 1-8-2019**

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

Roll Call:

Present: Melanie Conway, Mike Conway, Rick LaBoda, Linda Barkell

Absent: Marsha McKee

Staff Present: Mark Janeczko, BEO and Zoning Administrator

Guests: 1

Approval of the Agenda: All in attendance reviewed the agenda and motion by Mike Conway and 2nd by LaBoda to approve the agenda as written. All in Favor, M/C.

Approval of the Minutes: Barkell read the minutes of 12-11-2018 to all in attendance. Motion by Mike Conway and 2nd by Rick LaBoda to approve the minutes with corrections. The corrections are under Unfinished Business: Whistler should be spelled Whisler and the word vaults be changed to vault. All in Favor, M/C.

Public Comments: none

New Business: Rick Whisler with Birch Hills Sportsman's Club provided their Protective Covenant to the PC. He discussed their covenant and by-laws with the PC and Zoning Administrator. Their covenant is stricter than Hamilton Townships Zoning Ordinance in regard to Yard Setbacks (Section 4, Table 4-4). In their District R-1 we have a front setback of 40ft, Birch Hills is 50ft, our side setback is 15ft and theirs is 25ft. Our Zoning Ordinance provides for a 25ft rear setback and Birch Hills is a zero (0) ft setback. Sections 32 & 33 are the entire association. The property behind the outer ring is a common deeded area to all owners in Sections 32 & 33. Rick stated there is approximately 1100 acres for all to use. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that we will be adding a new Zoning District under R-1. It will be R-1 (A) strictly for Birch Hills Sportsman Club and it will require Yard Setbacks to be Front: 50ft, Side 25ft and Rear 0ft (zero). Mr. Whisler was also looking for help in assisting homeowners to following the covenant in their association. After discussion, the Zoning Administrator will require a permit from the Birch Hills Sportsman's Club before issuing a Zoning Permit **Review of Zoning Ordinance Article's 1, 2,3, & 4 are tabled until next month.**

Unfinished Business: PC was provided a draft of the Police Power Ordinances and all Amendments. We will schedule a Public Hearing for February 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM for all amendments to the following Police Power Ordinances: Hamilton Township Ordinance for the Control and Regulation of Campers, Hamilton Township Cemetery Ordinance, Hamilton Township Nuisance Animal Ordinance, Hamilton Township Open Burning Ordinance, Ordinance 53-Beach, Park and Boat Launch, Hamilton Township Junk and Blight Ordinance, Hamilton Township Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance and Hamilton Township ORV Ordinance. **Solar Ordinance:** Melanie provided PC members with more Solar information and we are review and have questions ready for discussion. Melanie has made multiple attempts to contact Cherryland Coop and they have not responded to her. **Cemetery Ordinance:** Melanie Conway, Mike Conway and Frank provided pictures of the cremains vault in Clare and we all are in agreement to pursue purchasing a similar vault for the Hamilton Township Cemetery.

Next Regular Meeting & Public Hearing: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM for the Public Hearing and 6:30 PM for the Planning Commission meeting.

Have Article's 1, 2, 3, & 4 of the Zoning Ordinance ready for review.

Motion by Mike Conway and 2nd by LaBoda to adjourn at 8:00 PM All in Favor, M/C.

Linda Barkell
Secretary